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# POLICING CHIEF IN YOBS VOW

Report by Sue Austin



Dafydd Llywelyn

## MP in fresh call for dual carriageway

## Conclusions of inquest postponed

TURNING the A5 near Oswestry into a dual carriageway should be included in the Government's blueprint for major roads projects, North Shropshire MP Owen Paterson has said.

Mr Paterson described the current 20-mile single carriageway stretch between Shrewsbury and the North Wales border as "wholly inadequate" and "dangerous".

He made the call for the route to be widened after details of a meeting with a Government minister were confirmed.

Andrew Jones of the Department of Transport will meet the MP at the British Ironwork Centre on the outskirts of Oswestry on Friday next week. The visit will include an inspection of part of the road.

Mr Paterson said: "The A5 needs to be a dual carriageway."

"It's a wholly inadequate road. It's increasingly dangerous and has to be changed."

"I'm hoping to get it in a strategic road plan and then the work will be done in stages."

The MP said he would also press the case for a bypass for Llanymynech and Pant.

I look forward to listening carefully to their issues and concerns. I'll get out amongst local people and will do things that keep them safe. I will work with the police and others to make communities safer. A key focus will be on preventing local crime."

"I will forge strong partnerships, carry out effective local engagement and develop new levels of trust."

"My early tasks will include the recruitment of a new Chief Constable to replace Simon Prince who plans to retire this summer. To help do this I may ask police personnel and the public what qualities they most want in the new chief." Mr Llywelyn has already cut some costs of his office. The pool car, a BMW, has been replaced by a more cost effective Ford Focus, and the Commissioner will not appoint a deputy, saving a salary of around £53,000.

Meanwhile, West Mercia's new police and crime commissioner John Campion, who is responsible for policing in the Oswestry area, this week pledged to put more officers on the beat.

He said: "I want more police time being spent where it matters most – on the frontline. A key priority for me is to make West Mercia more secure, ensuring people not only are safe, but feel safe too."

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THE conclusions of the inquest on soldier Cheryl James have been postponed until June.

Coroner Brian Barker QC was expected to give his conclusions this week, but has now said he will re-convene the inquest on June 3.

Cheryl, 18, whose parents Des and Doreen live in Llanymynech, near Oswestry, was found dead with a bullet wound to the head at the controversial Deepcut army barracks in Surrey in 1995.

The initial inquest into her death, held within week, recorded an open verdict.

Her parents campaigned tirelessly for a new inquest, which began in February.

The hearing sat for 30 days over three months and heard from 109 witnesses including nine expert witnesses.

Closing submissions were presented to the court in April.

Mr James said he and his wife were disappointed about the hold-up.

"We can only trust that the judge is ensuring that he can give sufficient and serious consideration to the submissions that have been made," he said.

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## Broadcaster Chris makes wildlife plea



TV presenter Chris Packham signed books during his visit to Oswestry's Wynnstay Hotel. Photo: Jamie Ricketts.

## TV star speaks out

TV presenter and wildlife expert Chris Packham called on everyone to do their bit to save the environment when he visited Oswestry for a book-signing event.

The popular broadcaster urged people to do more to protect wildlife when he answered questions during his visit to the Wynnstay Hotel.

The visit had been organised by Booka Bookshop and included a sold-out question and answer session.

Mr Packham was in Oswestry as part of a promotional tour for his new book Fingers in the Sparkle Jar.

The broadcaster said: "It is no good just paying your subscription

of Shropshire Wildlife Trust and thinking you have done your bit."

"They need you to volunteer your time and your skills. They need you to go along to talks and events that they put on."

"Everyone has a role they can play in helping nature, whether it is feeding the birds or putting up a nest box or whether it is campaigning against the cutting down of trees or spraying of a roadside verge."

"They should put their heads above the parapet and be counted. I do that knowing that sometimes my head will be shot off, but that is how I am."

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## INVESTIGATION Village property searched in probe over historic murder

A PROPERTY in Gobowen near Oswestry has been searched by police as part of an ongoing investigation into what officers are describing as a "historic murder".

The investigation is being carried out by North Wales Police following recent information that an unidentified man has been murdered and disposed of on the outskirts of Wrexham.

The search of the property in Gobowen was carried out yesterday (Wednesday).

Speaking yesterday, Area Commander for Wrexham Supt Sian Beck said: "This morning detectives executed a search warrant in Gobowen for evidence in relation to an on-going murder investigation.

"No one was arrested at the property but during the search the expertise of military personnel with specialist search equipment was required and they remain at the scene."

"This action follows a number of searches conducted over the last few days in the Wrexham and Gobowen area, and is believed to be linked to a historic murder. This is an on-going investigation and we are still attempting to identify the man and where his remains have been deposited."

"If anyone has any information to assist I'd ask they make contact with us."

Anyone with information should contact North Wales Police on 101 or via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

## CELEBRATION Library to stage host of activities

FREE manicures, an indoor putting range and the chance to contribute to a poem about age are just some of the features of a Celebrating Age event taking place at Oswestry Library on Saturday.

The celebration runs from 11am to 1pm. The library has organised the free event in partnership with Oswestry Equality Group with the aim of highlighting opportunities for leisure, fun and learning for local people aged 50 or over. All visitors to Celebrating Age will be entered into a draw for prizes supplied by Twelve Green Bottles, Cafe Radio, and North Shropshire College.

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# Funding crisis leaves group fighting for its survival

Report by Sue Austin

A BEFRIENDING charity could close next month unless more funding can be found.

Chums, which employs six staff and has helped almost 200 people from across Shropshire since it was set up three years ago, will cease on June 30 unless there is an eleventh hour offer of funding.

Allison Arthur from Chums, which is based in the station building in Oswestry Road, Oswestry, said it was funded by the Big Lottery in July 2013 for three years.

"To date we have not been able to secure continuation funding in order to continue after June," she said.

"We are still applying for future funding but this takes time and it could be 12 to 18 months before a new project could begin. We have six staff employed under this project whose posts are all unfortunately ending."

She said that in the three years Chums had helped 171 clients, with volunteers visiting them every week for a minimum of two hours each time.

"We have also recruited 127 fantastic volunteers, who have been DBS checked, trained and without whom we would not function," she said. "Our volunteers say befriending has had a positive effect on them personally, they all feel better for 'giving something back' and many have made lasting friendships with the people they have visited."

"The loss of funding will also come as a blow to many of our volunteers who rely on Chums to reimburse their travel costs as without this they will not be able to afford to continue their visits even if they wish to." She said there was also a waiting list of people who wanted to use Chums' services.

"The lack of funds will leave 149 people still waiting for a befriender with nowhere to go as many other befriending services in the area are either at capacity, have very specific remits or are closed due to funding cuts. Our befrienders really get to know their clients, they also have more time to listen, which is so important when often the only people they see are carers who do not have time to chat."

She said that the new funds that were applied for but turned down would have employed six paid Befrienders which would have enabled Chums to help 96 clients a year.

## Time machine will whisk audience away



Dani Box and John Bell-Tomkinson in the time machine featured in *Back to the Musicals*

A TIME machine will whisk audiences through a magical mystery tour of musicals.

Members of Oswestry Musical Theatre Company will act out some of their favourite musical moments backed by the story of a failing society battling to keep itself afloat.

Back to the Musicals has been written by co-directors Dani Box and John Bell-Tomkinson, aided by input from the whole group, featuring songs from Phantom, Chicago, Wizard of Oz, The Lion King, Joseph and Chitty Bang Bang.

Dani said: "Father and daughter, Billy and Betty, who belong to a local drama company are told by a theatre inspector she

will close it down if it doesn't improve. Billy builds a time machine that allows them to go back to the company's heyday and bring all the talent 'back to the future' in an attempt to save the day."

Basing a story around a compilation of much loved songs has paid pay dividends for the audience, with ticket prices reduced to £8 and £10.

Dani said: "We have dropped our ticket prices because we already have costumes and props, so it is not as expensive to put on. We want to pass that saving on to our audiences."

Back to the Musicals will be staged at The Marches School in Oswestry. Performances

take place tonight (Thursday), tomorrow and Saturday at 7.30pm.

A matinee will also take place at 2.30pm on Saturday. Tickets are available from RJ Christian Jewellers in Bailey Street, Oswestry, calling (01691) 652091 or visiting [www.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk)

Oswestry Musical Theatre Company's roots date back to the 1920s and 30s when the Operatic Society flourished in Oswestry, performing at the King's Theatre, New Street and the Victoria Rooms, Roff Street. It was reformed in 1962, as the Oswestry and District Amateur Operatic Society, putting on its first show of HMS Pinafore in January of 1964.

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# High hopes for hospital's stem cell trial

PATIENTS suffering from severe osteoarthritis are being given the chance of a new lease of life in a nationwide trial.

Experts at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital are researching the use of which cells from 120 patients are best at helping repair their damaged knees.

And, whether they are the special cells that make new cartilage, stem cells harvested from the patient's bone marrow, or a combination of both, it seems that all the patients in the trial are seeing their quality of life improve.

Professor James Richardson is one of those involved in the current 'Ascot' trials that are taking place in conjunction with the Institute of Orthopaedics, based at the hospital, and the charity Arthritis Research UK. The £6m Arthritis Research UK Tissue Engineering Centre launched in 2011.

Professor Richardson has been working with cartilage repair for at least 20 years, and from 1999 at the special tissue engineering laboratory at the orthopaedic hospital.

Until now the work has involved extracting chondrocyte cells from a patient's own healthy areas of cartilage, growing it in the laboratory and putting it back into the patient.

However the latest research is also using stem cells from the patient.

## Vocal workshop set to take place

A SCHOOL will host a vocal workshop day for youngsters.

The event at Moreton Hall School near Oswestry is aimed at children who enjoy singing and having fun. They are being invited to get involved in North Shropshire Children's Choir.

Melissa Evans, a spokeswoman for the event, said: "The choir is an exciting new venture open to all children in Years 5, 6, 7 and 8 in north Shropshire and the surrounding areas."

Moreton Hall will host the vocal workshop on Sunday between 10am and 3pm.

The children will take part in a variety of singing and musical activities and there will be a short informal concert for all family and friends at 2.30pm to showcase what the children have been working on during the workshop day.

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# School bus row takes another twist

THE row over Llanfyllin High School using its delegated budget to subsidise bus transport for out-of-catchment pupils has taken a fresh twist after it emerged another high school may have been doing the same thing.

Llanfyllin High School was told by Powys County Council to pay back £17,000 after an investigation was held into the practice. The school had spent about £500,000 over five

years to bus pupils, including some from Oswestry, to Llanfyllin. But it has emerged Llanidloes High School may have been doing the same thing. Powys County Council chief executive Jeremy Patterson said: "Following Monday's council meeting, the council can confirm that Llanidloes High School has indicated that it appears to be paying for home to school transport from its delegated school budget. The

school initially told the council that it was not subsidising home to school transport but has since changed its response. The council is seeking clarification from the school about their latest response and information about when they will be compliant with the policy and for how long they have not been compliant with the policy."

Governors at Llanfyllin High School have insisted Powys County Council

knew all along about the subsidies. Supporters of the school have criticised Powys County Council over the decision to tell the school to pay £17,000 back and have engaged a barrister. A meeting of the Friends of Llanfyllin School was held on Monday where supporters were praised for contributing to a fighting fund which had paid for the cost of legal representation.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Bikes stolen in sheds break-ins

TWO bicycles were stolen in separate shed break-ins.

The offence, which occurred overnight on Wednesday last week, involved two "expensive, customised" mountain bikes taken from a locked shed at Dolerw, Welshpool.

The theft happened between the hours of midnight and 5am.

This comes a day after two pedal cycles were taken from a shed in Welshpool. The cycles, described by Dyfed-Powys Police as "expensive", were both E bikes - the make of which is Haibike.

One was a blue and green cross Duro AllMtn RC, and the other was a black and teal full 7 RC.

PC Scott Hathaway said: "This may be linked to another crime from the same time frame and proximity where two motorised pedal cycles were taken from a property's outer locked shed at Erw Wen, Welshpool."

Anyone with any information is asked to contact PC Hathaway at Welshpool Police Station on 101.

### Advice available at group meeting

NORTH Shropshire & Borders Smallholding and Country Living Group will look at best - and not so best - practice in its meeting this month.

The community group will host a social event and forum where members can talk to each other about the best and perhaps not the best way to go about things.

The talk is at Llanyblodwell & Porthywaen Hall near Oswestry at 7.30pm on Wednesday next week.

Organisers say that as usual anyone who is interested is very welcome to go along.

The cost is £5 for single visitors, and £7.50 for a couple, which includes a cuppa and cake.

For more information about the evening and about the group people should call (01691) 656516.

People can also find information by visiting the group's website at [www.northshrop-smallholder.co.uk](http://www.northshrop-smallholder.co.uk)

### Sex charges denied

A MAN has appeared in court to deny sexual activity with a teenager.

Martin Crouch, 20, of St Anne's Drive, Oswestry, appeared at Shrewsbury Crown Court on Tuesday to deny two charges of sexual activity with a child.

A trial date was set for December 12, with Crouch bailed until then.

# Kind Harry was 'an old soul', says best friend

Report by Naomi Penrose

**BACKPACKER** Harry Greaves wanted to play a part in combatting the world's problems and alleviating the suffering of others, his best friend said.

Olly Boon shared his favourite memories of Harry spanning over their 15-year friendship, as well as paying tribute to his dear friend following his burial last week.

Harry, who died in Peru last month, had been staying in a community house with Mr Boon and his fiancée Stefanie Jackson in the country prior to his body being found in the mountains.

The experienced outdoorsman, of Broxgarth, near Oswestry, was last seen on April 7 when he set out on a solo mountain hike, two days before his 29th birthday.

His body was found at the bottom of a 40-metre crevasse on April 19.

Mr Boon, originally from Gledrid, near Oswestry, lovingly described Harry as "an old man in a 28-year-old's body".

"Harry was a very old soul, by that he was caring," he said.

"Harry would always look for a deeper meaning, he'd always been that way."

"He was certainly far along in his spiritual path already but so grounded and very humble. He was patient, compassionate and very tolerant. He was always a role model to me because of the way he handled situations. You would never see Harry upset or angry, and you'd never hear him say a bad word about another person."

"Harry was my best friend for sure, although about a dozen other people would also say the same thing because Harry connected with so many people."



Harry Greaves and best friend Olly Boon, out in Peru at a spot where there would often talk

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# Preserving health services top of mayor's priorities

Report by Sue Austin

**OSWESTRY'S new mayor has pledged to use his year in office to campaign to keep health services including A&E local.**

Councillor Paul Milner has already launched a petition for Oswestry to have its own urgent care centre if Shrewsbury's A&E closes.

As he was handed the mayoral chain he said he would keep banging the drum for health services for the town. Councillor Milner said: "It is vital that services are kept local and importantly access to accident and emergency is not transferred to remote locations.

"My personal commitment and the commitment of this council to keeping local health services local is well documented. As a council we have been at the forefront of campaigning for the retention of local health services and I am sure that working with my colleagues during the next 12 months, we will keep banging on this drum."

The petition is available to sign at a number of pubs and shops in the town.

"If Shropshire was to lose Shrewsbury A&E then it's vitally important Oswestry has its own urgent care centre," he said.

"We're the second biggest town in the county but besides that, the centre wouldn't just service Oswestry residents, it would serve the surrounding parishes and also Mid Wales residents.

"We really need emergency healthcare to be local, it's a matter of life or death."

One of the mayor's first engagements since taking office was a meet and greet at an antiques market on Friday.

The market was organised by Amulet Fairs and among those taking part were Sheila and Gabrielle Jackson.

The antiques event was not the only market-related event the mayor attended in the past week. As part of the national Love Your Local Market campaign, Oswestry Markets held a special Youth Market on Bailey Street yesterday (Wednesday).

Oswestry Town Council and North Shropshire College teamed up to hold the event and there were stalls not only from the college but also from Oswestry School, The Marches, The Derwen and TNS giving young people the opportunity to experience retailing and promote their projects.

The mayor visited the students to judge the best stall and welcome the schools and colleges. Meanwhile market bosses have welcomed a new trader to Oswestry indoor market.

Supporting British farmers and locally sourced produce were some of Jan Williams's main priorities when she launched "The Grain Sheaf".

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Oswestry Mayor Paul Milner with Sheila and Gabrielle Jackson at the antiques market

## Worries over proposals

CIVIC leaders will go to the Government over Shropshire Council's decision to ask town and parish councils to take over the running of services.

Oswestry Town Council says it will have to put up its precept by 160 per cent if it is to take over responsibility for services the unitary authority says it can no longer afford. Frustrated town councillors voted at a meeting on Monday to ask North Shropshire MP Owen Paterson to contact communities minister, Greg Clarke for his views.

Town Clerk David Preston said councillors were extremely concerned about Shropshire Council's designating services document, in which it calls on town and parish councils to take over the responsibility for many of its services. "Some of these are mandatory services," Mr Preston said. "We have had an invitation from Ludlow Town Council to join forces with Shropshire's town councils and come together next month to look at what can be done." In the meantime we are asking Mr Paterson to contact the minister on our behalf to ask his views on what would be a substantial precept increase if we had to either give Shropshire Council money to keep services running or see them transferred to Oswestry Town Council."

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## BREEZE ABOUT TOWN

Improving the north-south road links through the Wales/England borders has long been a hot potato for politicians but there might just be a glimmer of hope for frustrated motorists.

Under Secretary of State for Transport Andrew Jones is to meet North Shropshire MP Owen Paterson in Oswestry to discuss the daily chaotic delays experienced by motorists on the A5 between Oswestry and Wrexham.

As someone who travelled the route daily for 15 years I know only too well the frustrations experienced by motorists as "pinch-point" roundabouts cause mile after mile of traffic tailbacks – and it's getting worse. There was a time you knew the tailbacks would only be at certain times or even certain days, not any more, now it's every day and all the time.

Planners who designed the original road improvements between Oswestry and Wrexham must take most of the blame. There should have been a stronger case for a dual carriageway for the entire length.

Instead they created one of the most dangerous stretches of road in the country where motorists overtake three and sometimes even four abreast, seemingly playing a game of dare with drivers coming in the opposite direction. Last weekend I saw at first hand just how bad the situation now is. A Sunday lunchtime journey from Welshpool to Wrexham, which used to take around 40-45 minutes took an hour and 20 minutes with the problems starting at the ridiculous Mile End Roundabout at Oswestry.

Knowing which lane to be in is like a question from TV's The Chase and only the Chaser knows the right answer. From there to the dual carriageway at Ruabon was like a car park, except for the idiotic drivers who think they have some God-given right to race down the middle, risking not only their own but hundreds of other lives.

The message to Mr Paterson is clear. He needs to give it to Andrew Jones with both barrels. The money simply has to be found to create a dual carriageway from over the English border to link up in North Wales.

I get the feeling there will be some red faces around soon over the amazing situation at Llanfyllin where the high school has been subsidising bus fares, but was found to have broken Powys County Council rules and has been told to pay back £17,000 to the authority.

Parents and friends of the school are not taking the decision lightly, after all it poses a massive threat to the very existence of a high school in the town. They have called in a barrister to fight the case and feel they have a strong argument.



Verity Snow, Francesca Lisle and Sally Hughes are part of the Moreton Enterprises venture



Taking a look at the wide range of stationery on offer at Moreton Hall is Ana Berry, 16



Taking a well earned break in the cafe at Moreton Hall School is Sally Hughes, 17

## WORKING FOR YOU



On June 23 I will vote in favour of the UK leaving the European Union. I voted in favour of leaving the European Economic Community in 1975 and would have voted to leave at any stage over the last 43 years if I had been asked. Though I would have preferred not to be asked in an In/Out referendum. My preference was for a referendum on treaty change rather than an In/Out. There are too many uncertainties for most of us to feel able to decide. I believe almost nothing I hear from either the Leave or Remain camps. Every supposed 'fact' is open to debate. The position is just as I thought it would be.

Carrying out many differing responsibilities over last three decades, I have always worked enthusiastically and positively with the European Union.

What has mattered has always been the best interests of whatever organisation I happened to be representing at the time. But to put my fundamental belief simply, I have never believed that the UK should be subsumed into an undemocratic bureaucracy, which is today's European Union – and which I believe has always been the dream of those who have championed European integration from its beginnings in the 1950s.

The UK is physically close to Europe, and I want the UK to work constructively with our European neighbours, but as an independent state, free to trade and engage with the whole world. Recently, I listened to Lord (David) Owen in Welshpool Town Hall making a speech from a 'Leftist' perspective which I could just as easily have made from a 'Rightist' perspective – focussing on democracy and sovereignty.

While I am totally confident and certain in the integrity of my opinion, I fully accept that there are many good reasons why the UK should remain a member of the EU. There are also many good reasons why the UK should leave.

I would like to have taken a more nuanced position on this issue, but decided I should make my opinion as clear as possible. In any case, there is no point in being an MP without being free to say clearly what I believe.

I felt that I had a responsibility to make public how I intended to vote in the EU Referendum. However, I do not intend to campaign in support of my decision. It's just my opinion. I want everyone to feel free to decide as individual voters. It is a referendum in which the opinions of all UK citizens are of equal value. The Welsh General Election is now over, and I can make clear and public my position on the important question facing us on June 23.

Glyn Davies  
Montgomeryshire MP

# School's shops celebrate the spirit of enterprise

**Moreton Hall School has more than just a tuck shop in its grounds. SUE AUSTIN finds out more**

**TUCK** shops have been the mainstay of public schools for generations. But one school in Shropshire has taken the idea of shops within its grounds to a new level with a mini shopping village for its pupils.

And with the outlets run by the students themselves it also offers them a chance to develop their entrepreneurial skills.

Schoolgirls at Moreton Hall, near Oswestry, can nip into the Moreton Enterprises shops at lunchtime and, if they are boarders, after school, to pick up lottery and stationery essentials, browse for a good book, or treat themselves to a healthy smoothie or not-so-healthy choclate bar.

## Essential

It is become an essential part of school life, not only for the customers, but for the sixth formers who apply to become part of the Moreton Enterprises venture.

Karen Booth, the business studies teacher said: "In today's fast-changing and uncertain business environments, launching and running a new business seems like a daunting challenge, but at Moreton Hall, we actively encourage all students to embrace the challenge through their in-house, student-run business.

"Opportunities abound for those entrepreneurial students who can harness their creativity and the skill of risk to grow new forms of value and innovation.

"Students gain a deeper understanding of themselves as entrepreneurs, includ-



In the tuck shop at Moreton Hall School is Francesca Lisle, 17

ing unique roles, responsibilities, actions and priorities of business.

"The student business has been running for over 25 years now, though the aim is still the same today as it always has been – to challenge and inspire young women by nurturing a culture of enterprise and entrepreneurship in the heart of the school."

She added: "Most of the lower sixth girls involved are not studying business as an academic subject and there is deliberately no such pre-requisite to gaining a position within the organisation."

Francesca Lisle, 17, is the director of the Tuck Shop and as such has to run her rota of volunteer staff, head up meetings about buying and marketing products, deal with wholesalers and keep the books in order.

Customer Sally Hughes, 17, from Whitchurch, combines stocking necessities, with treats and even Moreton

as temperatures soared in Shropshire.

She said: "It is great that, as a boarder, I have somewhere that I can get myself a treat or stock up on essentials within school."

"We recently introduced our 'healthy basket' options and also stocked an American influenced range of products."

Healthy options are also promoted at Boost, the smoothie and milkshake bar which also sells cordials, hot chocolate and coffee.

Karina Brown, 17, from Whittington, heads the Boost team.

She admits that while the Kale Kick and beetroot smoothies are popular, the Oreo milkshakes are still the best sellers.

At Essentials, Cicely Peers, 17, from Whitchurch, combines stocking necessities, with treats and even Moreton

Hall based clothing including scarves and pyjamas.

Her artistic skills have also seen her working on a new silver ring with a Moreton Hall hallmark that will soon be available in the shop.

Moreton Enterprises works not only with individual wholesalers but big name businesses.

Paperclip, the stationery outlet, is linked with the Ryman's company while there is a pop-up bookshop run in conjunction with the Oswestry company, Booka.

## Supporters

One of the main supporters is Barclays.

The bank not only agreed to a loan to allow Moreton Enterprises to build its centre but also has a mini-branch inside.

The mini branch is run by Simran Shah, 17, from Oswestry.

"I want to go into law, in the commerce and business section and so this is really good experience," she said.

"I have learnt a lot about how important attention to detail is and also time management."

Principal Jonathon Forster said: "Moreton Enterprises is absolutely the essence of what the school is about."

"This is real education."

"It shows the girls that they can cope with anything and deal with any pressures."

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## Letters

# Two A&E units are vital for county

ON March 31 I attended the Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital Trust Board meeting at The Royal Shrewsbury Hospital. This meeting was due to sign off the Future Fit "strategic outline case". This is effectively the blueprint for the closure of an A&E, either at The Princess Royal Telford Hospital or at The Royal Shrewsbury Hospital.

During the course of this meeting the Future Fit position was seriously undermined by Gill George of Shropshire Defend Our NHS and other members of the general public. In particular they showed that the creation of five rural urgent care centres as was originally promised in the original

Future Fit document may not now take place due to financial problems, or if they are created they will have a diminished function. At the same time Future Fit seem determined to close an A&E department, thus reducing health provision at a time of escalating demand.

Beyond this particular point the entire Future Fit stance seemed to be shot full of holes by Gill George and other people.

May I add that I did not see any of the Telford and Wrekin councillors who were involved in putting aside £100,000 to protect The Princess Royal Hospital at the meeting, and if they were there, they did

not speak up to defend the A&E department at The Princess Royal. In contrast, there were many voices defending the A&E department at The Royal Shrewsbury Hospital. Do these councillors really want to do anything, or do they just wish to appear to do something for electoral reasons?

Finally, we must retain two A&E departments, and everyone who cares for the health of people in this county should be fighting tooth and nail for that result, and not accept the closure of an A&E department as a fait accompli.

IAN DRUMMOND  
Admaston

# Take stock and look at why we should remain in this union

THE referendum debate is developing along so many different strands it might be useful to step back, take stock, and pull key issues together.

I think we are underestimating the value of the EU and blaming it for problems that we already have the power to address at home. We also tend to exaggerate the disadvantages of membership, and downplay the risks of leaving.

Across Europe there is growing concern about security, migration and the economy. But we are not part of Schengen, the passport-free zone, nor the euro, and almost certainly never will be. We have already protected ourselves against these risks. Furthermore, our economy is actually stronger than many of our neighbours. I would argue that we need a more ambitious industrial strategy and a fairer distribution of wealth in society, but the EU is not to blame. Those decisions are basically made at Westminster.

The greatest threat to our safety is that we fail to adequately fund police, borders and security. We are spending on the security services, less so on border controls and police. But again, these are largely British, not EU, decisions.

Just as we should not hold the EU responsible for our own shortcomings we should not exaggerate its fault, real as they are. I struggle, for example, to find any instance where Brussels bureaucracy has seriously inconvenienced me personally.

JOHN GEMMELL  
Wem

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Young people will benefit from £1 billion a year funding from the EU, helping students to get on in life.

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Women are protected by rights in the workplace.

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## Image shows village schoolchildren in 1951



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## Divert EU money and use the cash to sustain Britain

WE are told that the Port Talbot steel industry is losing £1 million per day and this makes it unsustainable.

But the UK taxpayer gives the European Union over £55 million per day "membership fee" which is supposed to give us all the trading advantages of belonging to the EU. However, Mexico and 16 other countries enjoy the same trading conditions with the European Union that the UK does without having to pay a huge membership fee. Therefore the £55 million per day we pay to the EU is an unnecessary waste of taxpayers' money as no benefits accrue. Other countries enjoy the same trading conditions without paying a membership fee. If Cameron cared about the British people he would stop this waste of our precious resources and divert the money saved to help sustain the UK.

However as Cameron doesn't know what his opinion is until Angela Merkel informs him what it should be I cannot see him doing anything to help the British people.

DENIS ALLEN  
Wellington

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## Confused over migrant level

IS the Government incompetent, or deliberately hiding the truth about the number of people coming to Britain?

The Office for National Statistics has reported just over 900,000 EU nationals have moved here since 2010, yet the Department for Work and Pensions says in the same period, it issued over 2.25 million NI numbers. This needs to be cleared up before the June referendum, but can we trust the leaders?

B ELLIS  
Leominster

## Tory ideology is the real reason behind the cuts

AS we move ever closer to losing most of our leisure facilities in Shropshire, it is worth emphasising again that these funding cuts are political decisions, not financial ones. As George Osborne demonstrated in his recent Budget, there is plenty of money in the treasury for corporation tax cuts, high-earner pension fund tax relief and support for the oil industry.

Successive Tory-led governments have chosen to slash spending on local authority budgets and Tory-led administrations like our own have enthusiastically acquiesced for ideological reasons more than out of necessity, as the ipké fiasco demonstrated.

Conservative politicians in Shropshire would rather see much-loved institutions such as Acton Scott Working Farm, the Quarry swimming pool and museums be shut down rather than be funded and run by Shropshire Council. Pretending otherwise is merely their attempt to avoid the consequences for their stance at the ballot box in May 2017 and beyond.

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## Tributes paid to town councillor

TRIBUTES have been paid to a long-serving councillor who has died aged 84.

Councillor Hilary Spragg, who had been a member of Chirk Town Council for more than 35 years, died on Saturday following a long illness.

Councillor Dewi Evans, chairman of the council, said: "Hilary put her heart and soul into community life, she would have done anything for anyone."

"She was a very valued and well respected member of the council having served as a councillor for 35 years, and she was also involved with a number of other groups within the community, so the news of her death has come as a big shock to many."

Councillor Evans said despite battling illness, Mrs Spragg remained committed to her roles in the town. He said: "I always used to tell her to take things steady but she did things her way, she would never give up."

Mrs Spragg's funeral will take place on Thursday next week at St Mary's Church in Chirk.

## Aldi submits bid for new food store

UP to 40 jobs could be created in Welshpool after discount food retailer Aldi lodged proposals for a new store on Mill Lane, adjacent to the Smithfield Bell public house.

Earlier this year Aldi held a public exhibition in the town for residents to meet the project team, find out more about the proposal, and provide their feedback on the preliminary plans.

The proposed store will also include 90 customer car parking spaces. Aldi said the scheme will also generate additional employment through construction and supply-chain opportunities. Despite being yards away from the town's Tesco store, a spokesman for Aldi said the store would complement other traders rather than compete with them.

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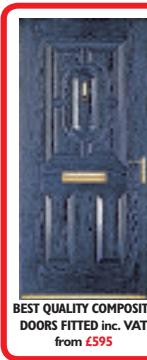
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The Tile Association represents all

aspects of the wall and floor tile industry in the UK. The awards recognise and reward innovative designs and projects that have happened over the last year, as well as retailing, marketing and tile fixers within the industry. The awards were held at St John's Hotel and Conference Centre along with a black tie dinner for the estimated 500 people who attended and were hosted by TV presenter Emma Jesson. Marketing

director at Tile Choice Lee Rudkin said: "We have a strong marketing mix for Tile Choice across a broad cross section of media. A strong brand identity and the right message combined with maximum exposure in all forms of media has proven to be an excellent marketing campaign in the retail sector. Mr Rudkin was accompanied to the awards by Martin Jeavons, David O'Connell and Michael Gough from Tile Choice."

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## Plans drawn up for lots of carnival fun by villagers

A VILLAGE has started planning for its summer carnival.

Residents of West Felton, near Oswestry, have already lined up a host of attractions for the carnival on July 10.

It will be launched with a grand procession led by a carriage carrying the carnival king and queen and followed by decorated floats touring through the village. It will start from the Punch Bowl pub at 1.30pm and end at the playing fields on Tedsmore Road where there will be an afternoon of family fun.

"This year's entertainment includes Border Counties Gymnastics, a Charleton Dancing Group, various musicians in a jam session, the Porthy-Waen Youth Silver Band and Zoo-Exotic Animals," spokeswoman Eileen Hamner said.

"There's truly something for everyone, including Harry Hamilton and his Birds of Prey, Andrew Healy the Juggler on Stilts, a fun fair, carousel ride and sumo suit wrestling."

"The village's playing fields on Tedsmore Road will host the event with gates opening at 2pm and everyone's welcome to come along and join in the fun."

The event will also see a whole array of side stalls and craft stalls plus a tombola, bric-a-brac stand, bottle stall with the tea, cakes and ice cream courtesy of West Felton Women's Institute, a fully-licensed bar and barbecue.

Admission is just £2 for adults with children and senior citizens allowed in free.

Mrs Hamner added: "We have stalls available so if anyone is involved in a 'cottage industry' or have something interesting to sell then why not have a stall at this year's carnival? To book contact (01691) 610629. Also have a look at [www.westfeltoncarnival.webs.com](http://www.westfeltoncarnival.webs.com) and find us on Facebook."

## Roads depot will remain in operation

RESIDENTS are celebrating after Llanfyllin's under-threat roads depot was spared the axe.

The depot, which is the headquarters for the area's roads maintenance and emergency response teams, was saved when members of Powys County Council's cabinet opted to approve the recommendation to allow it to continue in its current format.

The depot in Llanfyllin serves a large area of north Powys and many council services are run from the site.

It was feared that in bad weather the town and villagers further into the countryside would be cut off if the depot was shut.

The nearest depot for residents would have been in Welshpool had Llanfyllin's been closed.

Councillor Peter Lewis, who represents Llanfyllin, said it was good news for not only the town but also surrounding villages in the area.

"This depot is strategically important not just for Llanfyllin but for the surrounding communities and covers one of the largest areas in Powys," he said.

More than 1,000 residents of Llanfyllin and surrounding areas signed a petition to keep the depot open.

## Tea dance planned for village hall

A TEA dance will be held in a village near Oswestry to celebrate a special royal occasion.

For the event is being staged to mark the Queen's birthday. The tea dance will take place at Llanwddyn Village Hall to celebrate the royal landmark on June 12 at 2pm. Organisers say the cost, which includes food, will be £8. Book tickets by calling (01691) 870501.

## WE MEAN BUSINESS

THE Chronicle's We Mean Business campaign celebrate's Oswestry business. This week we celebrate Bluebird Care.

Bluebird Care has officially opened a new office in the heart of Oswestry on Albion Hill and created a new management structure as part of its expansion.

The company, which was established eight years ago, has been gradually expanding and now has four senior managers under the owner Ian Barnes.

Newly appointed director of care Claire Flavell said: "We employ local people to manage our care in Shropshire as these are the people who live in and know the area best."

Bluebird Care has been providing care in the Oswestry area for eight years, helping everyone from children to the elderly to stay living as independently as possible in their own homes - but now a new office facility has opened in the town, and a team will be officially based there.

New appointments include Oswestry care manager Helen Evans, who has years of experience in nursing, care supervisor Jessica Morris and new administrator Jessica Morris who will work with a team of more than 25 care staff from the new office.

Bluebird Care director Ian Barnes said: "We hope the new offices will be an enormous boost to the community and economy in Oswestry."



Oswestry care manager Helen Evans pictured at the new Bluebird Care offices in the town

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Runners can take part in hill event

RUNNERS are being urged to take part in a charity weekend in the village of Trefonen near Oswestry.

The runners will have the chance to raise money by taking part in the Mynydd Myfyr hill run.

The run takes place on May 29 starting at 11.30am.

The challenge has been organised by the Oswestry Olympians athletics club.

It is a four-mile, mixed terrain run taking in fields, country lanes and the summit of the hill, with 400 feet of climbing.

The cost to enter is just £6.

The run is part of the Trefonen Hill Walk weekend which takes place from May 28-30 and attracts visitors from near and far.

The weekend will this year be raising funds for the Air Ambulance and Médecins Sans Frontières.

The hill walk weekend includes walks, a motorbike trial, concerts and productions, a duck race and barbecue.

### Concert raises £800 for repairs

A FUNDRAISING concert raised almost £800 in aid of a church renovation fund.

The entertainment for the fundraising concert was provided by the Orthopaedic Male Voice Choir. The event raised nearly £800 towards the appeal to renovate St Mary's Church in Knockin. Church members launched the appeal as at least £50,000 is needed to carry out the essential works on the church.

Churchwarden Brian Turner said: "We are most grateful to everyone who performed and who helped to host the event, and of course to all those who came along to enjoy the music and sample the refreshments."

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

## MPs highlight farmers' plight

TWO Mid Wales MPs have met a Government minister to discuss the plight of Welsh farmers with land on both sides of the England-Wales border.

Many farmers have still not received their Common Agricultural Policy payments – five months after the subsidy, vital to their incomes, should have been received.

Montgomeryshire MP Glyn Davies and Chris Davies, who represents Brecon and Radnorshire, discussed the problems with farming minister George Eustice at Westminster.

Mr Davies arranged the meeting after being approached by a group of concerned farmers based in Montgomeryshire.

He said severe delays to CAP payments had caused serious cash flow problems for many Welsh farmers near to the border. The MPs emphasised how important it was to sort out the problem quickly.

## Day centre keen to support carers

A DAY centre has launched a campaign to make local carers for the elderly aware of a service it provides that will help them enjoy some well-deserved "me" time.

A spokesman for Westwood Day Centre in Welshpool said: "Carers need a break of their own but sometimes find it difficult to obtain daily cover or cover in the case of a last minute emergency."

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# Councillor voices fears over 'giant' rat problem

Report by Naomi Penrose

"GIANT" rats have taken up residence in a former supermarket car park as people have been treating it "like a dumping ground", it has been claimed.

Councillor Estelle Bleivas said the former Somerfield car park – now Poundland – in Berriew Street, Welshpool, has become a habitat for rats because people are dumping their rubbish at the site.

She said: "It's filthy and it's dangerous and not only that tourists use that car park, is that the impression we want to give tourists of Welshpool? Giant rats on our streets."

In recent weeks, Councillor Bleivas said she's noticed the problem is "ripe" and on one occasion said she spotted at least eight rats in the Powys County Council owned car park.

The council's three-weekly collections have been blamed, as according to Councillor Bleivas, residents have been dumping their rubbish at the car park, where recycling bins are housed.

Councillor John Powell, cabinet member for environment and sustainability, said: "Unfortunately fly-tipping has always been a problem at some of our community recycling sites and this is one of the reasons why we are reviewing the provision of these facilities."

"Wherever possible we do search fly-tipped waste for evidence so that we can take action against offenders and we would encourage the public to report incidences such as this to us along with registration numbers if possible."

He also urged people to make good use of the waste facilities available to them.

## Award delight for business mentor



Lesley Long with Keith Smyton from the Welsh Government

A BUSINESS entrepreneur with a social enterprise company who mentors and trains women who want to start up or grow a firm in Mid Wales has won an award.

Lesley Long, director and founder of Wild Women Enterprise Co Ltd, has won the Chwarae Teg 2016 Womenspire Award for a Woman in a Rural Community. Sponsored by the Welsh Assembly Government, the award is for tackling the barriers that women who live and work in rural areas face in achieving their goals and reaching their potential.

Lesley said: "What we've done is something quite pioneering in Mid Wales. In just 14 months we've managed to set up a community enterprise hub and are already delivering enterprise skills workshops. I am delighted to have been presented with this award on behalf of the whole team."

Based in Llanerfyl, the Wild Women Enterprise Co Ltd is a social enterprise company that mentors and trains women who want to start up or grow a business in Mid Wales. Lesley is also the enterprise hub manager at the recently opened Menter Berllan Community Enterprise Hub. The hub supports small businesses and offers affordable digital skills training.

## Police issue warning on Hajj fraud

POLICE in Mid Wales say they are working to protect Muslims from becoming victims of Hajj fraud.

Officers from Dyfed-Powys Police say they are carrying out work in their local Muslim communities to make sure they know how to protect themselves from the dangers of the fraud. The work is in support of a national campaign which is being run as part of the ongoing efforts to protect Muslims who will be booking trips to Mecca over the coming months to perform Hajj in the autumn.

Detective Inspector Anthony Evans said: "Hajj fraud can destroy the dreams people have of making a once in a lifetime pilgrimage to Mecca."

"Many victims will have saved for years to be able to afford to travel to Saudi Arabia and as a result will be absolutely devastated when they find out they have been conned by fraudsters."

"While there have been no reports of victims of Hajj fraud in Dyfed-Powys, we are keen to ensure our Muslim communities know how to stay safe from fraud and have the confidence to report to police if they do fall victim of such crime."

## Council's scheme recognises quality

AN awards scheme which honours businesses in Mid Wales has been launched.

Businesses across Powys gathered in Llandrindod Wells for the launch of the county's business awards.

The Powys Business Awards, which began in 2009, were launched at County Hall with sponsors and past finalists attending the event. Councillor Avril York, Powys County Council's cabinet member for regeneration, said the awards showcased the quality of the area's businesses.

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## Car drivers 'are flouting seatbelt rules'

MORE than 900 people were caught for not wearing their seatbelts as part of a police crackdown.

A total of 958 people were found not to be wearing their seatbelt in the Dyfed-Powys Police force region – the highest number in a force area in Wales and contributed to a country wide total of more than 1,400 people who were caught not wearing their seatbelt.

These were the findings following a two-week campaign undertaken by all four Welsh police forces, led by North Wales Police. The crackdown was carried out to raise awareness amongst drivers and passengers of the dangers of not wearing seatbelts in the event of a collision. The Dyfed-Powys Police force area found the most people not wearing a seatbelt, while Gwent Police was found to be the lowest region with just 46 people caught. Inspector Mike Melly from Dyfed-Powys Police's Roads Policing Unit said the high number of people caught not wearing a seatbelt was "disappointing". "Wearing a seatbelt when driving or as a passenger can save lives, but it is disappointing that 1,497 people still chose not to buckle up and put themselves and others at risk," he said.

"Not wearing a seatbelt is considered one of the 'Fatal 5' – we have a robust strategy around enforcing the 'Fatal 5' offences which are failing to wear a seatbelt, drink and drug driving, dangerous and careless driving including unnecessary risk taking, speeding and using a mobile phone while driving."

"Seatbelts are vital to the safety of you and your passengers and we will continue to take a pro-active approach all year round to educate motorists and enforce seatbelt laws."

## Plays set to take to stage

HOME grown drama will be unveiled by an amateur drama group in the coming weeks.

Margaret Kynaston of Llanymynech Amateur Dramatic Society has written two, very different one-act plays.

Burning Questions and Vegetable Stew will be performed on stage on June 9, 10 and 11 at 7.45pm at Llanymynech Village Hall in what is described as a night of great entertainment.

Burning Questions tells the story of Ida whose body is frail and her memory is not what it was.

She relies on friends, family and carers to look after her – a motley assortment of characters with their own motives and secrets.

On one chaotic afternoon, things come to a head when it is discovered that someone is taking advantage of Ida's helplessness.

The mood is lighter with Vegetable Stew which tell of Meredith McLeod, presenter of television's Regional Round-Up, who has arrived in Little Frickley to cover the annual vegetable show.

Unfortunately, so has her ex-husband – who is now involved with one of the exhibitors.

Tickets for the production are £7 – available to buy online via [www.ladstheatre.co.uk](http://www.ladstheatre.co.uk) or by calling (01691) 830558.

## Choir reveals date of concert

A LADIES choir has announced the date of its summer concert.

Oswestry Ladies Choir 'Love is in the Air' annual summer concert will take place on June 11.

The choir, conducted by Dawn Jaffray, will present an evening of heart-warming lyrics and harmonies.

The women will perform a host of songs, all in a four-part harmony, from some of the greatest songwriters of the 20th and 21st centuries.

Joining the choir will be well known local artists Gaynor Ellis and Howard Smith, a husband and wife duo, formerly cast members of Phantom of the Opera in the West End.

This evening of song will be held at The Venue, Park Hall at 7.30pm.

Doors will open at 6.45pm, with a bar for refreshments open before, during and after the concert.

Tickets cost £10 for adults and £3 for children, and are available from The Venue, choir members and at the door.

## Students come up with bright ideas on energy



Emily Sumner, Sophie Roberts and Emma Morris with their Bright Ideas submission



Cooper Lock, Harry Martin, Alex Young, Marcus Pearson and Robbie Ackerman

TALENTED students from a Shropshire school have been putting on their thinking caps to think of ingenious energy solutions for the future.

The two groups of students from The Marches School in Oswestry have entered the Bright Ideas Challenge.

The Bright Ideas Challenge is an initiative run by energy firm Shell.

The challenge asked young people from schools throughout the country to come up

with cutting-edge ideas for future energy requirements.

Two groups from the Marches School are taking part in the initiative.

One of the groups consists of Year 9 girls and that team includes Emily Sumner, Sophie Roberts and Emma Morris.

The other group is made up of a mix of Year 7 and Year 9 boys and includes Cooper Lock, Harry Martin, Alex Young, Marcus Pearson and Robbie Ackerman.

The two groups were asked to come up with an innovative solution to an energy challenge faced by cities in the future. The girls' team entered the idea of a mobile phone charger that works from the heat of a radiator.

And the boys' team submitted the concept of a device for converting noise pollution into electrical energy.

The teams will find out if they have been crowned the West Midlands winners of The Bright Ideas Challenge in the week commencing

May 23, where they will get the chance to go on a trip to Make in Future London and receive a cash prize to go towards the science, technology and maths departments.

A Shell spokesman said: "We believe the answers to tomorrow's energy challenges lie in young people's ingenuity. That's why we recently asked secondary school students in Great Britain aged 11-14 to team up, apply their STEM skills and share their bright ideas for cities of the future."

## It's full steam ahead for ambitious rail link plans



The town of Oswestry has a proud railway heritage



Volunteers have worked hard to make the rail link dream come true



The railway station in Oswestry



Volunteers have been working to clear and restore the railway line

### Report by Naomi Penrose

#### IT has sat unused for more than 50 years.

But now campaigners are celebrating full steam ahead as plans to restore the former Oswestry to Gobowen railway have taken a major leap forward, with the final section of the line now purchased.

The Cambrian Heritage Railway has revealed it has completed the purchase of the final section of the former Gobowen to Oswestry branch line, plus other adjacent lands "vital" to the completion of its project. This comes as the group have spent years towards reopening the line that closed following the Beeching cuts in 1965.

The land secured comprises the former bay platform line and sidings alongside the main line at Gobowen Station, a section of the former coal yard and approximately three-quarters of a mile of land and sidings that connect the main line to the section of the Oswestry branch already under Cambrian Heritage Railway control.

Over the years teams of volunteers have worked in their own time to restore the line. Robert Williams, chairman, said: "CHR is currently promoting two separate standalone projects. One is to achieve a sustainable transport service between Oswestry and Gobowen with this land purchase being a further step forward with this project however there are still a number of hurdles to overcome."

Mr Williams said the second project is to develop a heritage tourist railway from Oswestry to their Llynclys South site.

He said: "Our main aim over the next few years is to refurbish and operate the existing railway from Oswestry to Weston Wharf, linking to the Stonehouse Brewery visitor centre."

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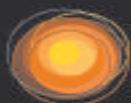
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# Residents look forward to another great carnival



People line the streets in Welshpool for the carnival, one of the town's biggest events

THE streets of Welshpool will come alive as carnival fever sweeps the town at the end of this month.

Report by Naomi Penrose

This year's Welshpool Carnival will be held on Monday, May 30 and if previous years are anything to go by, visitors and locals alike can look forward to another spectacular event.

in Welshpool's calendar. One of the high points of the event is the procession which goes through the town to mark the start of the fun proceedings.

This year the carnival procession will be leaving Berriew Street car park at 1pm and the parade will be going through the town, allowing everyone in Welshpool to get into the party spirit.

After a tour of the town, the procession makes its way to the Maes y Dre recreation grounds where a whole

host of events and attractions will take place, starting from 2pm.

As in previous years the recreation grounds will have a huge variety of events and activities for everyone to enjoy.

One of the most popular is a donkey derby while still on the animal theme there will also be ferret racing.

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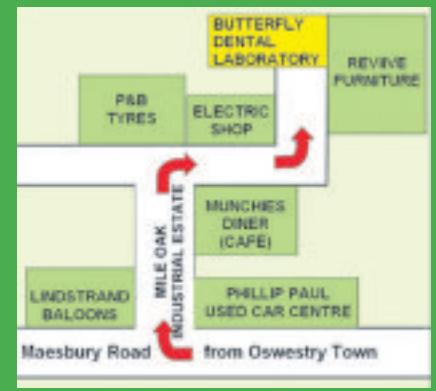
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# Border town always gives a friendly welcome

By Naomi Penrose

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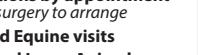
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# Skittles league to be revived thanks to rotary club



Julian Sandy and Russ Raymond at The Last get set for the new skittles league



The new skittles league will be based at The Last at Hengoed

A SKITTLES league to serve the Oswestry area is being revived at a village pub.

A thriving skittle league was once based at the Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital's social club.

The skittles league is being revived thanks to members of the Oswestry Cambrian Rotary Club.

Mike Lade from the rotary club said: "The league it's being revived by Oswestry Cambrian Rotary and it will be based in the Last Inn at

Hengoed and a new portable alley is being constructed to be placed in the newly refurbished function room for play on a Tuesday evening.

"We have several teams already interested but we are looking for more to make skittles a community event in the town.

"Many pubs had teams before and we are looking to get those teams back again.

"It's also a great way for businesses to be represented and for their employees to meet outside of the workplace to either play skittles

in the team or to support the team from the side lines. There will be a small entry charge on the evening for supporters and for players as a fundraiser for Cambrian so that we can support other groups and organisations in the town and beyond.

"There will also be food available as well as good beers and wines from the bar.

"If anyone is interested in finding out more then please contact Oswestry Cambrian Rotary on [www.oswestrycambrianrc.co.uk/skittles](http://www.oswestrycambrianrc.co.uk/skittles)

"The Oswestry Cambrian Club is ready to welcome men and women of 18 and over from all professions, businesses and the local community.

"We meet informally at The Wynnstar Hotel, Church Street, Oswestry on Thursday evenings.

"For more information please come along to hear what our new style of Rotary has to offer or contact (01691) 650854 or [info@oswestrycambrianrc.co.uk](mailto:info@oswestrycambrianrc.co.uk)"

# Young artists show their affection for old hillfort



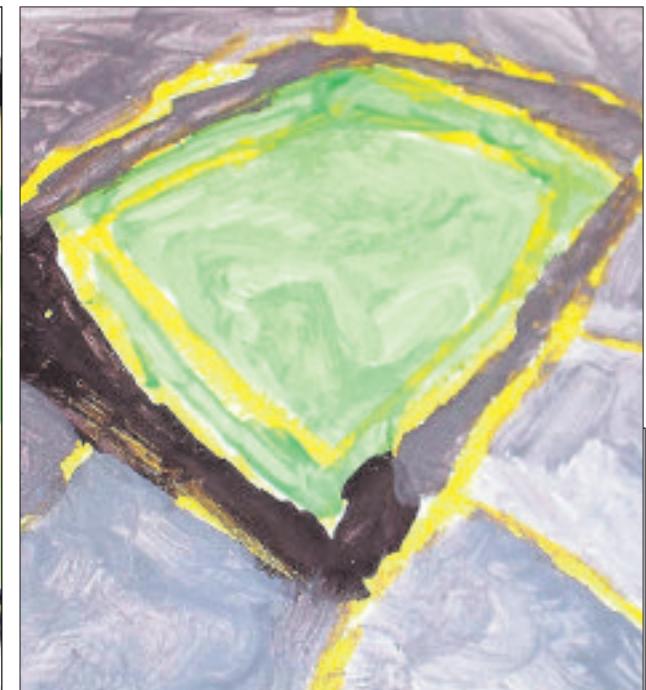
Work by children depicting Old Oswestry Hillfort is on display at the Willow Gallery



One of the hillfort banners which TV presenter Griff Rhys Jones helped local children make



Holy Trinity School students have designed the artwork



The hillfort which overlooks Oswestry is at the centre of a planning battle

## Report by Naomi Penrose

A GROUP of children from Holy Trinity School in Oswestry have visited an art exhibition to view their own artwork on display.

The youngsters visited the Hugging the Hillfort exhibition at the Willow Gallery.

The exhibition has been set up in the light of an ongoing battle by campaigners against plans to build homes close to Old Oswestry Hillfort.

The Year 3 pupils were delighted to see their paintings framed and on show alongside some 50 other artworks celebrating Old Oswestry.

Based on aerial views of the hillfort, the paintings have formed part of curriculum learning about the Iron Age Celts. They also graced the interior of Hermon Chapel during the Hillfort Hug Weekend in February which saw two days of events expressing local affection for the hillfort, organised by the HOOOH Community Group.

Kate Clarke from HOOOH said: "Teachers described it as a great achievement for the school to have artwork featured in the gallery as part of the community's creative tribute to 'The Stonehenge of the Iron Age'."

TV presenter Griff Rhys Jones helped youngsters hand-print banners during filming for his recent ITV1 series "Griff's Great Britain". The episode saw Griff discover the attractions of the Shropshire borders, stopping off to admire Old Oswestry which he described as "one of Britain's top 10 archaeological sites."

The Hugging the Hillfort exhibition runs in The Willow until Saturday alongside co-exhibition "Plants and Pollinators", which explores important wildlife relationships sustaining our natural world.

## Talks to look at library fears

A TOWN'S threatened library service has prompted a public meeting to be called in a bid to protect it from closure.

Llanfair Caereinion County Councillor Viola Evans and the town council have launched a call to arms to save its library from closure as its future is uncertain with Powys County Council looking to save £250,000 on the cost of running library services over the next three years.

The future of the library will be discussed at a meeting today (Thursday) which will be held at Llanfair Caereinion's Public Institute.

Councillor Evans said: "I thought we were supposed to be looking after the underprivileged, I think people forget that not everyone has a computer. The computers at the library are used by children for their homework, as well as older people who send emails to their relatives and friends, who then come in the following day to read their response."

"Libraries are a real lifeline for those who use them, and I think it would be unfair on those people if the town lost it," she said.

"Also our library only costs £16,000 to run compared to others. I just feel like Llanfair gets treated like the poor relation, which is why this meeting has been called. It will give people a chance to have their voices heard."

## Celebrities will appear in match

STARS from reality television shows and a soap will be coming to Oswestry for a charity football match in memory of a baby who died minutes after birth.

Actors from Emmerdale and Hollyoaks will join forces with stars from I'm A Celebrity and former footballers to line up in Once Upon a Smile Celebrity XI in memory of Zackery Dell, who was born in May 2014 but passed away minutes later.

Once Upon a Smile Celebrity XI will include Emmerdale star Danny Millar, who plays Aaron, I'm A Celebrity runner-up Jake Quickenden, Radio 1 DJ Cell Spellman, formerly of Waterloo Road, and former England and Blackburn Rovers footballer David Dunn.

This is the second match of its kind being held at the Venue at Park Hall, the home of The New Saints Football Club. It will be held on June 5.

The match kicks off at 1.30pm with gates open at 11.30am and tickets can be purchased from The Venue or Owens Travelmaster, Beatrice Street, Oswestry.

# PROPERTY

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## House with annexe is in walking distance of the town centre

The sale of 8 Ardmillan Close, Oswestry offers the rare chance to buy a three-bedroomed detached house with a self-contained two-bedroomed annexe, within walking distance of the town centre. It is for sale through Bowen Son & Watson at £314,995.

The main property has an entrance lobby, an entrance hall, a lounge, a dining room, a kitchen, a rear hall, a utility room and WC, whilst on the first floor there are three double bedrooms, a bathroom and a separate shower room. The annexe accommodation includes a living room, a kitchen, two bedrooms and a bathroom. Both are warmed by gas central heating and there is double glazing throughout.

Outside there is ample off road parking and a garage and gardens. In more detail the entrance lobby has tiled flooring, the entrance hall has stairs off to the first floor and an under-stairs storage area.

The lounge has a bay window overlooking the front, a feature gas fireplace and a picture rail.

The dining room has an open fireplace with a stone-effect surround and hearth and a picture rail.

The fully fitted kitchen has a range of matching base units and eye level wall cupboards with a marble-effect worktop over. There is space for a gas cooker with a stainless steel extractor fan over, an integrated dishwasher and an integrated fridge. The room also has tiling to the walls and floor and a door to a rear hallway, a utility room and a cloakroom.

Off the first floor landing is a door to the annexe. The master bedroom has extensive wardrobes, while bedroom two has a picture rail and overlooks the front. Bedroom three overlooks the side of the property. The bathroom has a three piece suite of low flush WC, a panelled bath with a shower attachment and a wash hand basin, heated towel rail, extractor and wall and floor tiling. There is also a shower room.

The annexe has a living room, stairs to the first floor with an under-stairs storage cupboard and a door to the rear hallway, a kitchen with an integrated electric oven and four-point gas hob. Off the first floor landing are two bedrooms (one with a wardrobe) and a bathroom with a three piece suite and wall tiling.

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## Spectacular stone cottage has stables and adjoining paddock

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A superb three-double-bedroomed detached stone country cottage with stables and an adjoining paddock, Isfryn, Cefn Canol lies just 10 minutes from Oswestry.

Having been refurbished to a high standard, it is now for sale through Town & Country at £349,950 with no chain.

Attractively decorated and retaining a wealth of original character, the cottage is double-glazed throughout and features an impressive bespoke Kenton Jones kitchen/dining room. Accommodation comprises a porch, hallway, cloakroom, lounge, kitchen/dining room, office area, utility room, three bedrooms and family bathroom. The mature gardens to the rear have been tastefully landscaped around a feature pond, while an adjoining stable yard leads to the paddock of around one acre.

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REDNAL  
£725,000

An individual country residence comprising a five-bedroomed family house, a detached two-bedroomed annexe, a further detached office/separate accommodation, a timber two storey outbuilding and paddocks in around six acres, Little Sutton, Rednal, West Felton lies in an unspoilt rural setting.

It is for sale through Balfours and Halls at £725,000. The main property has three reception rooms, a family kitchen, office, utility room, a master bedroom with an en-suite shower room, four further bedrooms and a family bathroom.

The property has attractively appointed, yet deceptively spacious, "cottage style" internal accommodation, of great charm and character, which retains a number of attractive original features.



It also has the benefit of a well-appointed detached single storey annexe, which is ideal for a member of the family, or for "letting out".

This is currently let.

It lies in a beautiful rural setting in the heart of the North Shropshire countryside.

Whilst being in a peaceful setting, it is only approximately four miles from the well-known border market town of Oswestry, which has an excellent range of local shopping, recreational and educational facilities.

It is also within easy motoring distance of the county towns of Shrewsbury (16 miles) and Chester (30 miles), both of which have a more comprehensive range of amenities.

Contact Balfours of Shrewsbury on 01743 353511 or visit [www.balfours.co.uk](http://www.balfours.co.uk) or Halls on 01691 622602 or visit [www.hallsgb.com](http://www.hallsgb.com)



Exceptionally appointed home sits in a superb rural position

PORTH-Y-WAEN  
£274,500 <<<

An exceptionally well appointed country property, Station House, Porth-y-Waen near Oswestry, has double garaging and workshop as well as a garden and small separate paddock.

The home is on the market through JJ Dell&Co for £274,500.

The property benefits from double glazing and central heating and has two good sized reception rooms.

There is a breakfast kitchen, three bedrooms, ensuite and bathroom.

There is ample car parking, a large double garage and an attractive garden as well as a small adjoining grass paddock.

The property is situated on the outskirts of Porth-y-Waen occupying a rural position convenient to travelling to Pant village with its shop and post office and primary school.

For more details contact JJ Dell&Co on 01691 653437 and 680212.



## Detached period house has cottage gardens

WEST FELTON  
£345,000 <<<

A charming detached period house with cottage gardens in the centre of West Felton village, yet conveniently positioned for Oswestry. Court Cottage in Threadneedle Street is for sale through Morris Marshall & Poole at £345,000 with no chain.

Set off a quiet lane and screened from the road by a range of traditional outbuildings, the property is deceptive at first. Its accommodation briefly comprises, a porch, study, a lobby, two generous reception rooms (a lounge and sitting room) with high ceilings, a kitchen/dining room with a beautiful outlook over the garden and a sunny aspect, a utility room, three good bedrooms and a shower room.

Outbuildings include a double bay brick outbuilding suitable for garaging.

Contact Morris Marshall & Poole on 01691 679595.



## Home has superb views of countryside

LLANFECHAIN  
£400,000

A detached five bed roomed country property with outstanding views, Bryn Paenod, Llanfechain, is on the market through JJ Dell & Co with a guide price of £400,000.

The property is situated in a large garden and has been extensively refurbished by the current owners to a high standard throughout. Bryn Paenod is a detached property principally built of stone under a slated roof. The accommodation is well appointed throughout with oil fired central heating and upvc double glazing, pine and oak boarded country style doors. Accommodation comprises kitchen, drawing room, sun room, lounge, library, study, cloakroom, five bedrooms and two bathrooms. There is double garaging and a good sized garden.

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## Tougher lending conditions ahead for landlords

There is concern that buy to let landlords in the UK will face tougher lending conditions on top of tax relief changes already scheduled for next year.

One lender, the Nationwide Building Society is already cracking down on rental calculations and cutting back its maximum loan to value for landlords over worries about the tax relief changes next year.

Nationwide's Mortgage Works, the mutual's buy to let arm, which provides one in seven loans to landlords, increased rental cover requirements from 125% to 145% and cutting its maximum LTV from 80% to 75% from 11 May 2016.

According to Armistead Property more lenders may follow suit and while the changes facing buy to let landlords, on top of the recent extra stamp duty payable on additional homes, can be taken into account landlords need to plan ahead.

Currently, landlords can claim tax relief on monthly interest repayments at the top level of tax they pay of up to 45%. However, the Chancellor's new tax rules could mean that thousands of buy to let landlords will see their profits hit as the amount they can claim as relief will be set at the basic rate of tax which is currently 20%.

Some current basic rate taxpayers will also be hit, because the change will push them into the higher rate tax bracket. It will be phased in over a four year period from April 2017.

However, the firm believes that the tougher lending criteria and recent tax hikes, will not have a major impact on the property market as a whole.

"This move by Nationwide could trigger other big lenders to follow suit. The banks seem to believe that the Chancellor's tax crackdown on mortgage tax relief will could cause difficulties for landlords. Though the new tax rules are challenging for most landlords, rising asset values and rental income will go a long way to protect profits," said Peter Armistead.

"Landlords have plenty of options available that will help offset the increased taxation. The first thing landlords should do is carry out a serious portfolio review and work out how the tax changes and tougher mortgage lending will affect them and what options there are to save, or make more money. For example, mortgaging to get a better deal, renovating some old stock as these costs will be tax deductible, selling some properties or increasing the rent."

"Landlords need to think outside the box and ask themselves questions like can I buy with cash or with far less leverage, should I incorporate, can I change a house into an HMO and increase the rental income, can I get planning on an existing property to increase its value or can I add an extension, or convert the cellar?" he pointed out.

"Although the government is trying to curb the buy to let market, property investment is robust in the long term."

"It is estimated that two million Britons are now private landlords collectively renting out five million properties."

"With rising demand for rental property and a growing shortage of accommodation, the buy to let market will continue to give a good return on investment," he added.

# First time buyers are saving £790 per year on mortgages

First time buyers in the UK with small deposits are making savings of more than £790 a year, when comparing monthly mortgage payments to the same time last year, new research suggests.

This is in part due to competitive interest rates now available as monthly mortgage costs for first time buyers have fallen sharply, according to the latest Genworth Moneyfacts LTV tracker report.

The average house price for a first time buyer is £154,559 and for those with a 10% deposit, lower mortgage interest rates mean they can save £67 a month compared to what they would have paid if they'd taken out the same loan a year ago.

This adds up to savings of almost £800 over the course of a year.

For those with 5% deposits, the monthly payment on a 95% LTV mortgage for an average first time buyer home was £66 per month lower in March 2016 compared to 2015, equating to annual savings of £792.

The report explains that part of the reason for the attractive rates is increased competition as the number of mortgage products at high LTVs has risen in recent months. The number of mortgages available for those with a 5% deposit jumped sharply from 195 in March 2015 to 267 in March 2016.

As a result, rates for 95% LTV mortgages reached a record low of 3.92% in March 2016, 0.80 bps lower than a year before. Rates for 90% LTV loans are also much cheaper, having fallen 0.92 bps to 2.82%.

However, the total amount of high LTV lending has stagnated even while overall



lending has increased revealing that while lenders may be competing for the best customers in the high LTV bracket, they are more focused on increasing lending to customers with larger deposits.

Despite a climate which is ripe for high LTV lending and a rising numbers of available mortgages, lending to those with a 5% deposit, which saw a notable boost following the introduction of the Help to Buy Mortgage Guarantee (HTB2) Scheme, has subsequently flat lined.

Lending to those with 5% deposits received a much needed boost following the introduction of HTB2, with the proportion of lending at this level climbing from 1.7% in the fourth quarter of 2013 to

3.1% in the first quarter of 2014. It reached a high of 4.2% of total mortgage lending in the second quarter of 2014 but stagnated at around 3% in 2015.

The stagnation in lending to those with small deposits is particularly concerning given that the Help to Buy Mortgage Guarantee scheme is due to end after this year. With nothing scheduled to replace the scheme, the fear is that lending to this part of the market could continue to fall.

"Competitive rates available for those with just 5% or 10% deposits mean they are able to make huge savings compared to what they would have paid for the same loan in previous years. This is important for a group who face numerous challenges

to enter the property market, typically facing far higher costs than those with the parental support to gather together a larger deposit," said Simon Crone, Genworth vice president for mortgage insurance Europe.

"High LTV lending received a much needed boost through the introduction of the Help to Buy Mortgage Guarantee, however it is concerning to see this already in decline while the rest of the market is going from strength to strength."

"Looking forwards, the high LTV market is facing a potential double blow from the end of HTB2 plus higher capital requirements for lenders offering mortgages to those with small deposits as a result of proposed Basel changes," he explained.

## Top Tips

TV's Sarah Beeny, whose shows include Double Your House for Half the Money and Property Ladder knows a thing or two about shifting properties.

She shares with us her top tips to increase the value of your home and sell quickly.

She said: "Most buyers form their first impressions of a house within seconds of walking through the door. Spend time tidying up the outside of the house – plant flowers, trim bushes, weed, repaint the front door and make sure your door furniture is looking really great. If you have a path make sure it is swept and looks tidy."



crisis is most acute in the capital, as Londoners head to the polls to elect a new mayor.

However, there is a noticeable drop in concern about the rates of stamp duty, in the wake of the government's reforms of the stamp duty system. Concern about negative equity has slumped among the UK overall to 44% from 64% two years ago, as house prices have continued to rise.

"Despite government initiatives aimed at helping home owners, the housing crisis is deepening across the country, with ever more non-home owners wanting their own home, and ever greater concern about the lack of housing," said Paula Higgins, chief executive of the HomeOwners Alliance.

"Many government policies have boosted demand for homes, but what this survey shows is that the real problem is the desperate shortage of houses. Until the government tackles the fundamental issue that we just don't have enough good quality homes, the housing crisis will continue to deepen and a generation will continue to have their dreams of homeownership crushed," she added.

According to Kim Vernau, chief executive of BLP Insurance, the current situation is a critical juncture for the construction industry and housing market. The government urgently needs to speed up the delivery of new homes for aspiring first time buyers.

"Tenures of all types are required across the country and affordable housing and social housing should also be a priority," he said.

"Balancing these competing demands is a challenging task, particularly given the shortage of labour skills that we are currently witnessing in the construction industry."

"This is likely to get worse in the absence of key initiatives to help address this critical issue and the new Housing and Planning Bill and threat of a potential Brexit could tilt the construction labour market even further off balance," he added.



## More aspire to own their own home

More people dream of becoming home owners in the UK with new research showing 73% aspire to owning a property, up from 65% four years ago.

However some 78% of aspiring home owners are concerned about the availability and quality of homes, up 6% from last year, and house prices, the ability to get on the property ladder and saving for a deposit continue to top the nation's list of housing concerns.

Overall the 2016 home owner survey conducted by YouGov for the HomeOwners Alliance and BLP Insurance suggests that the housing crisis is deepening as concerns mount about the availability and quality of homes.

While the desire to own is rising, the ability of first time buyers to get on the housing ladder and saving for a deposit remains the top concern nationally, at 82% and 80% respectively.

On top of this, the proportion of aspiring homeowners who say that the availability of housing is a serious problem has increased to 78%, up from 72% last year.

Aspiring home owners are also increasingly concerned about the quality of housing, with 60% saying it is a serious problem.

The survey shows that the housing



Chris Packham chatted about his passion for wildlife during his visit



Springwatch presenter Chris Packham chats with a young fan



The TV presenter was in Oswestry to promote his new book



The question and answer session at The Wynnstay Hotel was organised by Booka Bookshop. Photos: Jamie Ricketts.

## TV star spells out message

TV presenter and wildlife expert Chris Packham gave an insight into his life and his passions during a book-signing event in Oswestry.

The visit to the Wynnstay Hotel had been organised by Booka Bookshop and included a sold-out question and answer session.

Mr Packham was in Oswestry as part of a promotional tour for his new book *Fingers in the Sparkle Jar*.

His abhorrence of trophy hunting and fox hunting was just one of the many topics he touched on.

He also criticised those in agriculture who want to lift an EU ban on neonicotinoid pesticides.

The popular presenter of programmes such as Springwatch told the audience that he believed anyone who killed something for pleasure must have a psychopathic tendency.

“As animals become rarer and rarer it is becoming more and more repugnant to the wider world,” he said.

His book lifts the lid on a childhood in which

**Report by Sue Austin**

he struggled with what he now knows is Asperger's, a form of autism, and the wildlife that helped him to cope.

“It looks at life and the value of human life and wildlife,” he said.

“The book stops at the age of 16 – that was the point when I had worked out that life is sacred. It is when my passion to help wildlife began. I don't feel that my job will ever be done. My life is not about achieving anything, it is about never giving up.

“Helping the planet is like trying to slow down an out-of-control juggernaut. At the moment we can't stop it, all we can do is slow the race to extinction down.”

He now hopes that the younger generation will use the internet to galvanise campaigns to help wildlife. But he said that without experiencing a childhood of catching tadpoles in jars they will not have an affinity with nature.

“We let our children live in a far more dangerous environment, their bedrooms sitting in front of a computer. Sitting there they will never dip their finger into the sparkle jar,” he said.



The audience waits patiently to hear from the TV presenter



Chris Packham chats about his work



The Wynnstay Hotel event was a sell-out





Year 7 and 8 students from The Marches School enjoyed their trip to MediaCityUK



Richard Jandrell has enjoyed further sporting success

## Students show off their skills

**YOUNGSTERS** at the Marches School in Oswestry have been demonstrating their skills in recent weeks.

An exhibition of artwork created by students has been assembled and displayed in Oswestry market.

The work is a small representative sample of GCSE and A-Level development artworks by the students, in preparation for their GCSE and A-Level examinations.

Two groups of students were able to learn more about broadcasting when they visited MediaCityUK where Radio 6, Blue Peter, Grandstand, Football Focus, Match of the Day and Breakfast TV are recorded.

Students were given a tour of the BBC facilities allowing them to take a peek into the offices and studios where they make popular TV shows.

They also saw the green rooms where stars wait prior to being interviewed and the rooms where they have their make-up applied.

Students were able to ask questions about the different job opportunities and what qualifications and experience are required to work within

**Report by Naomi Penrose**

the creative sector. Richard Jandrell, a Year 9 student at The Marches School, was recently crowned champion at the Kickboxing Grand Slam event in Birmingham.

Richard also came first in the continuous fighting section and came second in the semi-contact category at the North West Open held in Chester.

These wins mean that Richard will be representing his country in October at the European Championships.

Richard trains for both Kung Fu and kickboxing with his instructor Brian Nelson. He has been competing for nine years since the age of five.

Richard was delighted with his recent wins, commenting: "I am really happy to have won and will continue to train hard to succeed."

Meanwhile Marches pupils showed off their ski skills when they spent Easter in Vermont on the slopes of the Killington Ski Resort for five days.

Students of all skiing abilities embarked on the trip.



A group of students from The Marches School in Oswestry enjoyed a ski trip to America during the Easter holidays



Olivia-Grace Faux with her artwork at Oswestry market



Olivia-Grace Faux's artwork



Eden Smith with her artwork which is on display at Oswestry market

## Cinema listings

### THE ANGRY BIRDS MOVIE (U)



Slightly flightless – 6/10  
Red (voiced by Jason Sudeikis) is an outcast on Bird Island, where the rest of his flightless flock tweet peace. When a ship full of pigs led by smooth talker Leonard (Bill Hader) arrives on Bird Island, supposedly in peace, Red is the only inhabitant to sense impending disaster. Red joins forces with friends to locate a mysterious protector, Mighty Eagle (Peter Dinklage).

### WHISKEY TANGO FOXTROT (15)



War-torn – 6/10  
Conveniently lacking kids and a husband, Kim Barker (Tina Fey) ticks all the boxes for her cash-strapped news station to pack her off to Kabul to cover the Afghan war. Recklessly naive at times, she'll jump out of the car to capture footage. Kim must discover whether she can survive the thrill of reporting and the after party chasers with fellow reporters.

### GREEN ROOM (18)



Brutal live music – 6/10  
The Ain't Rights play a concert organised by blogger and fan Tad (David W Thompson). Almost no-one turns up. By way of an apology, Tad organises another gig for the band at a club where his brother Daniel (Mark Webber) works. As the Ain't Rights make their exit, they stumble upon the dead body of a girl in the green room, starting a brutal battle for survival.

### BAD NEIGHBOURS 2 (15)



Very unneighbourly – 5/10  
Terrible neighbours become good friends in Nicholas Stoller's sequel to his 2014 comedy. The gender tables are turned when Mac (Seth Rogen) and Kelly Radner (Rose Byrne) must unite with old adversary Teddy Sanders (Zac Efron) to outwit a sorority led by wild child Shelby (Chloe Grace Moretz) and best friend Madison (Selena Gomez) or lose a buyer for their house.

# Simmering suspense

Review by Damon Smith

THE recent BBC adaptation of *The Night Manager* was a delicious reminder of writer John Le Carre's ability to wring nerve-shredding tension from spy games.

Screenwriter Hossein Amini's adaptation of another Le Carre page turner, *Our Kind Of Traitor*, is perfectly timed to capitalise on the resurgent interest in the author and his expert dissection of MI6 practices.

Hinging on a chance encounter between a naive British everyman and a flashy East European powerbroker, Susanna White's film flits across international borders as it asks us to believe a plummy academic would risk his humdrum life for a total stranger by virtue of his unshakeable goodness.

"Why are you still here?" the Russian criminal asks his stuffy saviour as they prepare to face a team of sharp-shooting assassins. "I don't know," dryly responds the lecturer.

Nor do we, and that frustrating lack of clarity about the lead character's motivation proves the film's undoing as the cogs of a serpentine plot click neatly into place, setting up the inevitable final showdown that decides if virtue or vice emerges unscathed from the melee.

University lecturer Perry Makepeace (Ewan McGregor) and barrister girlfriend Gail (Naomie Harris) are on holiday in Marakesh, hoping to salvage their relationship after his indiscretion.

At a bar, they encounter rowdy Russian businessman Dima Krasnov (Stellan Skarsgård), who unexpectedly takes Perry into his confidence and secretly gives the academic a flash drive to deliver to British



Spy games – Ewan McGregor and Naomie Harris are questioned by Damian Lewis

intelligence with the instruction it is 'a present from the number one money launderer in Moscow'.

British agent Hector Meredith (Damian Lewis) and colleague Luke Weaver (Khalid Abdalla) take delivery of the flash drive at Heathrow, which contains evidence implicating MP Aubrey Longrigg (Jeremy Northam) in a money-laundering scam masterminded by sadistic Russian mobster

The Prince (Grigoriy Dobrygin). Unfortunately, there is a caveat to smuggling Dima to the UK.

"He will only deal with us if you and Gail are there," Hector explains to Perry.

Thus the lecturer and his sweetheart become globe-trotting pawns in a deadly game of espionage alongside Dima's proud wife Tamara (Saskia Reeves) and their children.

Anchored by Skarsgård's eye-catching portrayal of a family man with a twisted moral code, *Our Kind Of Traitor* simmers pleasantly, but never turns up the heat sufficiently on McGregor and Harris' do-gooders.

White choreographs some memorable interludes, including a hallucinogenic party, but protracted chase sequences aren't particularly suspenseful.

## Book reviews

### PADDINGTON BUGGY BOOK

By Michael Bond  
Published by HarperCollins

Let's be honest, in the main, buggy books are good for one thing – chewing!

Although this one is beautifully illustrated by RW Alley, if you are looking for a good Paddington story, you are sadly out of luck. For £4.99 RRP, there are much better buggy books out there for the same price – The Tiger Who Came To Tea, for example.

In this one, you get eight pages of a generic rhyme, only tailored to Paddington by the fact he eats marmalade at one point. If you're



looking for a buggy book then find one on sale, they pretty much do the same job. That said, if you like Paddington and want to pass on that to your baby the drawings are cute to look at.

By Derek Bish

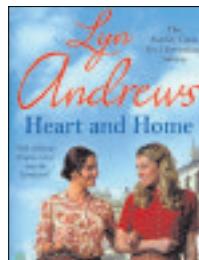
### HEART AND HOME

By Lyn Andrews  
Published by Headline

A 1930s saga guaranteed to satisfy fans of both the author and the genre, this story paints a vivid picture of a hard-up, hard-working community.

Cathy has grown up on the Isle of Man where her father is a fisherman, sailing daily on dangerous seas to try to earn enough money to keep his family, though her mother still struggles to put food on the table.

A chance encounter leads Cathy to Liverpool where she gets a job in a smart department store. She soon makes new friends and for the first



time in her life has money to spend, the bright lights of the city to explore, new clothes to buy, and dances to go to.

All seems to be going well until the discovery of an explosive secret.

By Sally Bunn

### THE LUBETKIN LEGACY

By Marina Lewycka  
Published by Fig Tree

The bestselling author of *A Short History Of Tractors In Ukrainian* returns to page-turning form with this addictive tale of death, (a lack of) sex, and the London property market.

Berthold Sidebottom is a failed actor, in possession of a council flat via his mother's link with its deceased famous architect, Berthold Lubetkin – that is, until mum unexpectedly moves beyond the final curtain and he must stage the performance of his life to a peculiarly attractive housing officer. Meanwhile, Violet, the girl next



door, dreams of ethical accountancy from her corrupt City desk. Developers set their sights on the block's cherry orchard, and they must join awkward forces.

By Kitty Wheater

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DAYS: 4 DEPARTS: OCTOBER 20

### Cornwall – St Ives, Penzance, Padstow and Falmouth

Dazzling beaches, quaint fishing villages, flourishing gardens, delicious Cornish icecream and balmy temperatures – just a few reasons why Cornwall is a perfect destination to get away from it all.

On this four-day break enjoy visits to favourite places and hidden gems such as Trebah Gardens.

This 26-acre sub-tropical paradise features cascading waterfalls, ponds of giant koi carp and glades of ferns and palms which wind down to a private and secluded beach.

St Ives is a beautiful resort with golden sand, a clear ocean and where life is centred around the harbour with its ancient quays. The town itself is

a delight to explore where cobbled streets are lined with interesting shops and the museum gives a fascinating insight into the local history.

Nestled in the heart of Mounts Bay lies the historic market town of Penzance. There's a selection of shops, galleries, smugglers taverns and fine restaurants and the seafront promenade is perfect for a stroll.

The small fishing town of Padstow retains most of its old-world charm

and tradition and is a super place to explore. It is, of course, famous for its restaurants including Rick Stein's cafe and takeaway fish and chips.

Located at the entrance to the third largest harbour in the world, Falmouth has many attractions to offer. As well as streets full of shops, galleries, restaurants and pubs, boats of every size can be seen on the waterfront. There is also a super museum which gives an insight into maritime heritage and heroes.

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Alex Reid won new fans when he was named Celebrity Big Brother winner



Alex Reid hit the headlines when he married model and TV star Katie Price

# Performer to make his producing debut

A SHROPSHIRE performer is putting on his producer's hat to bring a night of glitz, musical theatre-themed entertainment to the county.

Michael Jenkins from Gobowen near Oswestry will not only be making his professional producing debut but in the process he will be bringing a host of big names to Shropshire in the upcoming West End Story, including the likes of celebrity Alex Reid, and Ciaran O'Driscoll – star of this year's 'The Voice of Ireland'.

Taking place on July 1 at Theatre Severn, West End Story will feature songs from popular musicals including Les Misérables, Phantom of the Opera, Footloose, as well as a live orchestra, comedy and drama.

Although former Rhyn Park School pupil – now St Martins School – Michael has directed and performed professionally, this is his first time producing his own show.

He said: "I am thrilled to be producing my own production at such a beautiful venue. This is the first performance of the production which I hope will move onto the stage across the region.

"There is such a huge amount of talent in this production, that I'm sure it will be a hit with the audience.

"I'm delighted to have roped in the likes of Alex and Ciaran, who many people will recognise from their television screens. It will also be great to bring my friends here to perform in my home county."

Michael will also be performing in the show, alongside a raft of talented acts including West End singer Cici Howells, Trinity Theatre's Nancy Laura Coard, Lucy Edge, as well as a vibrant ensemble, following an audition process where Michael and fellow judges were spoilt for choice, having to choose just 15 members out of 50 hopefuls.

"I was absolutely thrilled at the turnout and blown away at the level of talent on show. People had travelled from across the county to attend the auditions and we were spoilt for choice," said Michael. "It was re-

freshing and exciting to see up and coming performers audition, and it's clear that they have a very bright future ahead of them."

Alex Reid, former husband of glamour model and television personality Katie Price, will lead the audience through the night of show-stopping entertainment as compere.

Michael managed to rope cage fighter Reid into the show after the pair became friends when they starred in pantomime Aladdin together at the Stifft Theatre in Rhos near Wrexham, last Christmas.

This week Reid took to Twitter to excitedly tell his fans via a video post about his busy summer schedule, including his part in the show.

He said: "The Reidinator is back performing in the cage on July 16 on Bellator at the O2 but before that on July 1, I will be hosting and performing in a gig at Theatre Severn in Shrewsbury – that's the home of Charles Darwin, so if you want to check that out, come see me on July 1, oh yeah!"

The latest addition to the line-up is Ciaran O'Driscoll, who competed in this year's series of 'The Voice of Ireland'.

Last year Ciaran was seen firstly on 'The Voice UK', but wasn't successful, however this year he made it 'The Voice Ireland' where he got through the blind auditions, even making it as far as the live quarter-final. Now his time is up on 'The Voice', Ciaran said he is looking forward to his performance in the county.

"I'm so looking forward to meeting everyone, getting started and being a part of what's going to be a magical show," he said. "I'm delighted to be a part of West End Story and it's going to be a great introduction for me to the regional theatre scene."

The performance takes place at Theatre Severn on July 1 at 7.30pm.

Tickets for West End Story are available at [www.theatresevern.co.uk](http://www.theatresevern.co.uk) or by telephoning (01743) 281281.



Michael Jenkins from Gobowen will be making his producing debut

## Chamber music enthusiasts in for treat at town festival



The Allegri String Quartet. Photo: Sarah Emma Smith.

ORGANISERS of this year's Llanfyllin Music Festival say visitors to the popular event will be once again in for a treat.

This year's festival takes place from July 15 to July 24, with four concerts by the acclaimed Allegri String Quartet.

All concerts are in St Myllin's Church, Llanfyllin. Llanfyllin Music Festival chairman Margaret Cunnell said the church had "wonderful acoustics and is a 'marvellous setting for chamber music'". Mrs Cunnell said: "Last year, Martyn Jackson stepped in at very short notice to play as the Allegri's first violinist.

"He has now officially joined the Quartet as leader, and we can look forward to some exciting performances.

This year's music is mostly by composers whose names are familiar – but not necessarily as composers of chamber music. Puccini, for instance, is best known for his operas, but the all too short 'Crisantemi', to be played at the last concert, is a beautiful and moving work. Britten too is not best known for his string quartets, and has not featured at Llanfyllin for many years, so his 3rd quartet will be an attraction.

"I am delighted the festival includes Alec Roth's second quartet."

The details of the programme for this year's festival have been released.

On July 15 the programme will include work by Beethoven, Janácek and Brahms. Work by Mendelssohn, Roth and Beethoven will be performed on July 17.

On July 22 there will be music by Haydn, Britten and Beethoven. Work

by Mozart, Puccini and Schubert will be performed on July 24.

Mrs Cunnell added: "Buy your tickets before the end of May, and benefit from the special Early Bird price.

"Early Bird tickets are on sale at the reduced rate of £15 per concert – until May 30.

"They are only available for purchase by post."

"Write to Llanfyllin Music Festival Ticket Officer, Farthings, Fox Lane, West Felton, Oswestry, SY11 4JU and include your cheque (payable to Llanfyllin Festival Association) and an sae."

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DAYS: 2 OR 3 DEPARTS: VARIOUS DATES



**Casualty**

8.45pm

Dylan receives a nasty surprise when Bryan turns up at the ED, having cut his hand smashing a window after locking baby Rihanna in his car. While Bryan apologises for his past behaviour, Dylan is not so sure he can ever change. Meanwhile, Connie discovers Jacob and Elle are old friends.

**Swimming: European Championships**

4pm

Helen Skelton presents live coverage of the swimming events at the European Aquatics Championships, from the Aquatics Centre at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park in London. This is the penultimate day of competition.

**Bang on the Money**

7pm

Rickie Haywood-Williams and Melvin Odum host the game show in which two teams of friends must battle it out to hit a specific target number 'bang on' in a series of physical and mental challenges. At the end of the contest, the most successful group could win up to £40,000.

**Channel 4 Racing**

2pm

Nick Luck presents live coverage of nine races. From Haydock Park, races start at 2.30, 3.05, 3.40 and 4.10. From Goodwood at 2.15, 2.50 and 3.25, and from York at 2.40 and 3.15. With commentary and analysis by Richard Holles, Mick Fitzgerald, Graham Cunningham and Tanya Stevenson.

**NCIS**

9pm

Gibbs and his colleagues investigate when Eric Kutzler, the first openly gay Navy lieutenant tipped to receive the Medal of Honour, is murdered. While the agents initially suspect a hate crime, the fact that his police officer husband waited 20 minutes to report the crime suggests he had something to hide.

**BBC1**

6.00 Breakfast.  
 10.00 **Saturday Kitchen Live.** Hairy Bikers Si King and Dave Myers host this weekend's show, joined by guest Elaine Paige, chefs Sabrina Ghayour and Lyndey Milan and wine expert Jane Parkinson.  
 11.30 **Mary Berry Cooks.** The perfect Sunday lunch. (R)  
 12.00 **BBC News: Weather.**  
 12.10 **Football Focus.** Dan Walker and guests look ahead to today's FA Cup final.  
 1.00 **Jimmy Hill - A Man for All Seasons.** A profile of the former footballer and pundit, who died in December 2015, and will be best remembered for campaigning to abolish the maximum wage for footballers in the 1960s. (R)  
 2.00 **FA Cup: The Road to Wembley.** The story of the 2015/16 competition. (R)  
 2.35 **A Question of Sport.** FA Cup Final special, with Jason Mohammad, Trevor Sinclair, Dan Walker and Mark Lawrenson. (R)  
 3.10 **Pointless Celebrities.** An FA Cup edition of the quiz. (R)  
 4.00 **BBC News.**  
 4.10 **Midlands Today: Weather.**  
 4.15 **Match of the Day Live - The 2016 FA Cup Final.** Crystal Palace v Manchester United (Kick-off 5.30pm). Gary Lineker introduces coverage of the 135th staging of the showpiece occasion, held at Wembley Stadium. Subsequent programmes subject to change.  
 7.50 **Michael McIntyre's Big Show.** The lively comedian introduces music by Katherine Jenkins and a performance by stage mentalist Colin Cloud. Plus, Robbie Savage hands over his mobile phone in *Celebrity Send To All*.  
 8.35 **The National Lottery Live.** Gaby Roslin reveals the results of the Lotto and Thunderball draws.  
 8.45 **Casualty.** An accident at a factory gives Jacob a chance to work together with his old friend Elle. Meanwhile, Big Mac lies to Noel about seeking help with his addiction.  
 9.35 **Mrs Brown's Boys.** Agnes fears her family is planning to send her to a nursing home, when in fact it is Spartacus the dog who is set to be sent away. (R)  
 10.05 **BBC News: Weather.**  
 10.25 **Peter Kay's Comedy Shuffle.** Including clips of the comedian reminiscing about his school holidays, the Phoenix club's singles night and the meeting between Geraldine McQueen and Paul McCartney. (R)  
 10.55 **Match of the Day - 2016 FA Cup Final Highlights.** Crystal Palace v Manchester United. Action from the showpiece occasion at Wembley Stadium, along with post-match interviews and analysis; **National Lottery Update.**  
 11.30 **FILM: Dream House (2011).** A man begins to suspect his new house may be haunted, and that the ghosts have a connection to his own past. Horror, starring Daniel Craig.  
 12.55 **Weather for the Week Ahead.**  
 1.00 **BBC News.**

**BBC2**

6.10 **The Women's Football Show.** (R)  
 6.40 **FILM: The Story of GI Joe (1945).** Second World War drama, with Burgess Meredith and Robert Mitchum.  
 8.30 **FILM: The Wooden Horse (1950).** Fact-based Second World War drama, starring Leo Genn.  
 10.10 **Natural World.** (R)  
 11.00 **FA Cup Rewind: 1990 FA Cup Final.** Crystal Palace v Manchester United.  
 12.00 **The Hairy Bikers: Everyday Gourmets.** Si King and Dave Myers demonstrate indulgent dishes for entertaining guests. (R)  
 1.00 **FILM: I Know Where I'm Going!** (1945). Romantic drama, starring Wendy Hiller and Roger Livesey.  
 2.30 **Flog It!** From Coventry Transport Museum. (R)  
 3.00 **Bake Off: Creme de la Creme.** The search for the best team of pastry chefs has reached the final. Last in the series. (R)  
 4.00 **Swimming: European Championships.** Helen Skelton presents live coverage from London.  
 6.00 **This Week's World.** Current affairs magazine show in which Emily Maitlis dissects current global problems affecting people's everyday lives, from energy to the economy and worldwide living standards.  
 6.30 **Gardeners' World.** Monty Don plants up containers for his jewel garden. Carol Klein identifies plants able to survive in cracks and crevices, and Zephaniah Lindo meets a fellow primula enthusiast. (R)  
 7.00 **Choose the Right Puppy for You.** Part two of. Kate Humble discovers the truth about different breeds of dog, while behaviourist Louise Glazebrook helps more people find the perfect dog for them. (R)  
 8.00 **Grand Tours of Scotland.** New series. Paul Merton travels round the Isle of Arran, visiting the famous King's Cave, Lochranza, Brodick Castle and Kildonan before ending his trip at Cleat's Store.  
 8.30 **Dad's Army.** Captain Mainwaring and the platoon welcome the first American troops to Walmington-on-Sea, but Anglo-US relations become strained. Classic comedy, starring Arthur Lowe. (R)  
 9.00 **The Hollow Crown: The Wars of the Roses - Richard III.** The country is finally at peace under the rule of Edward IV and the House of York – but the ruthless Duke of Gloucester plots to seize the throne for himself. Last in the series.  
 11.10 **FILM: Last Chance Harvey (2008).** A miserable New Yorker falls for an equally unfulfilled woman he meets while in London to attend his daughter's wedding. Romantic drama, starring Dustin Hoffman and Emma Thompson.  
 12.40 **FILM: Elena (2011).** Drama, starring Nadezhda Markina.  
 This is BBC2.  
 5.35 **The Great Chelsea Garden Challenge.** (R)

**ITV**

6.00 **CITV: The Aquabats! Super Show!** 6.25 Pat & Stan 6.35 Dino Dan 6.45 Dino Dan 7.00 Signed Stories: Share a Story 7.05 Sooty 7.15 Super 4 7.30 Nerds & Monsters 7.45 The Tom & Jerry Show 8.00 Thunderbirds Are Go  
**ITV News.**  
 8.30 **Weekend.** With guests Emilia Fox and Tony Parsons.  
 9.25 **Murder, She Wrote.** Jessica investigates the murder of a chauffeur. (R)  
 10.20 **Murder, She Wrote.** A gym instructor is accused of murder. (R)  
 11.15 **The Jeremy Kyle Show USA.** The host takes his successful talk show stateside.  
 12.05 **ITV News and Weather.** Weather.  
 12.15 **The Jeremy Kyle Show.** Guests air their differences. (R)  
 1.15 **BBQ Champ.** Two cooking challenges see the last four contestants whittled down to two, before the last Grill Off culminates in the announcement of the winner. Last in the series. (R)  
 2.20 **FILM: Hulk (2003).** Exposure to radiation transforms a scientist into a formidable green monster. Comic-strip adventure from director Ang Lee, starring Eric Bana, Jennifer Connelly and Sam Elliott.  
 4.55 **The Wine Show.** Matthew Goode and Matthew Rhys visit a vineyard once owned by Michelangelo.  
 6.00 **ITV News Central.** Weather.  
 6.15 **ITV News and Weather.**  
 6.30 **You've Been Framed!** Harry Hill narrates a comical selection of mishaps filmed by viewers, featuring a possessed toddler and a driver chasing a runaway car.  
 7.00 **Bang on the Money.** Game show in which two teams from Middlesbrough and Cleethorpes aim to hit a specific target number in a series of physical and mental challenges.  
 8.00 **Britain's Got Talent.** Ant and Dec host the final round of auditions before judges Simon Cowell, Alesha Dixon, Amanda Holden and David Walliams must whittle down their selection ahead of the semi-finals.  
 9.20 **Play to the Whistle.** Holly Willoughby hosts the sports-based comedy panel show, with guests Piers Morgan, Danny Cipriani and Katherine Ryan joining the regulars. Last in the series.  
 10.05 **ITV News and Weather.** Weather.  
 10.20 **FILM: Run Fat Boy Run (2007).** A man who regrets leaving his fiancée standing at the altar tries to prove his love for her by running a marathon. Romantic comedy, starring Simon Pegg, Thandie Newton and Dylan Moran.  
 12.10 **Jackpot247.** Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.  
 3.00 **Murder, She Wrote.** Jessica researches a 30-year-old murder for which an innocent man may have been imprisoned. Starring Angela Lansbury and Richard Beymer. (R)  
 3.50 **ITV Nightshift.**

**Channel 4**

6.10 **The King of Queens.** Doug and Carrie consider parenthood. (R)  
 6.35 **The King of Queens.** Doug buys a motorcycle. (R)  
 7.00 **Volkswagen Racing Cup.** Action from the first round of the series at Rockingham.  
 7.30 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Amy's brother seeks advice on women. (R)  
 7.55 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Debra nags Raymond to tidy up. (R)  
 8.25 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** An offhand comment causes problems for Ray. (R)  
 9.00 **The Morning Line.** Racing preview from Haydock Park.  
 10.00 **The Big Bang Theory.** The guys consider investing in the comic-book shop. (R)  
 10.30 **The Big Bang Theory.** The girls go on a weekend trip to Las Vegas. (R)  
 11.00 **The Superhumans Show.** With Jonathan Broom-Edwards and Holly Walsh.  
 11.30 **The Big Bang Theory.** Leonard and Penny argue about money. (R)  
 12.00 **The Big Bang Theory.** Guest starring Billy Bob Thornton. (R)  
 12.25 **The Simpsons.** Marge takes a job as an estate agent. (R)  
 12.55 **The Simpsons.** The family is brainwashed. (R)  
 1.30 **The Simpsons.** Homer buys a gun. (R)  
 2.00 **Channel 4 Racing.** Live coverage from Haydock Park, Goodwood and York.  
 4.30 **A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun.** A woman searching for a home in Benidorm.  
 5.30 **Homes by the Med.** Charlie Luxton visits unusual abodes on the island of Crete.  
 6.30 **Channel 4 News.**  
 7.00 **Grand Designs: Living in the City.** Kevin McCloud presents one of four specials, which deals with the challenges of building in the city, where architects have to show their ingenuity as space is at a premium. (R)  
 8.00 **Jutland: WWI's Greatest Sea Battle.** Re-examining the events of the First World War naval battle, as the grandson of the admiral who led the British forces tries to salvage his grandfather's reputation.  
 9.00 **FILM: The Hunger Games (2012).** A teenage girl in a dystopian future-America is forced to fight in a televised battle to the death. Sci-fi adventure, starring Jennifer Lawrence and Josh Hutcherson.  
 11.50 **FILM: Savages (2012).** Two marijuana dealers attract the attention of a Mexican drug cartel that kidnaps their shared girlfriend. Crime drama, starring Aaron Taylor-Johnson and Taylor Kitsch.  
 2.05 **Hollyoaks.** Omnibus. Cleo is conflicted between her heart and her head. (R)  
 4.10 **The Three Day Nanny.** Kathryn Mewes helps more households in distress. (R)  
 5.05 **Posh Pawnbrokers.** Featuring an Olympic torch and a collection of antique firearms. (R)  
 5.55 **Salvage SOS.** (R)

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 8.55 **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.** Casey Jones tries to prove his worth. (R)  
 9.30 **The Saturday Show Live.** Topical show looking at the week's headlines.  
 11.30 **Funniest Fails, Falls & Flops.** Comedy clip show featuring pranks gone wrong. (R)  
 12.00 **Police Interceptors.** Sgt Jon Moon and his police dog Kanto are confronted by a thief wielding a knife. (R)  
 1.00 **Police Interceptors.** Officers deal with a rowdy reveller on New Year's Eve. (R)  
 2.00 **Police Interceptors.** Barry Peach apprehends a fugitive who has been using a false identity. (R)  
 3.00 **Police Interceptors.** Jon Moon and his dog Kanto chase down burglary suspects. (R)  
 4.00 **Police Interceptors.** Barry Peach outsmarts a disqualifed driver. (R)  
 5.00 **Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.** A tenant in rent arrears barricades her front door. (R)  
 6.00 **Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.** Agents Stewart and Vic experience one of the most violent cases they have ever faced when they are confronted by an angry older gentleman. (R)  
 6.55 **5 News Weekend.**  
 7.00 **Cricket on 5.** England v Sri Lanka. Highlights from the third day of the First Test in a three-match series, which takes place at Headingley.  
 8.00 **NCIS: Los Angeles.** Three men raid a drug deal, taking a suitcase full of cash and killing an undercover LAPD cop in the process, and Sam believes one of the assailants is a Navy Seal. (R)  
 9.00 **NCIS.** Gibbs and the team investigate when the first openly gay Navy lieutenant set to receive the Medal of Honour is murdered.  
 9.55 **NCIS: New Orleans - Murder in the Bayou.** Double bill. When the body of a former agent washes ashore in New Orleans, Gibbs believes the murder could be linked to a case the victim had previously worked on.  
 11.30 **True Crimes: The First 72 Hours.** The body of a Toronto property broker is found in a utility closet at her office, and one of her colleagues suggests police turn their attention to a former maintenance worker. (R)  
 12.00 **SuperCasino.** Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.  
 3.10 **BAMMA 25: Champion vs Champion.** Action from the event staged at Barclaycard Arena in Birmingham.  
 4.55 **Divine Designs.** Hindu and Jain art in Leicester and London. (R)  
 5.20 **House Doctor.** A property in Spennymoor, Co Durham. (R)  
 5.45 **Angels of Jarm.** (R)



## Antiques Roadshow

8pm

Fiona Bruce and the team visit Tredegar House near Newport in Wales, where members of the public bring along treasured antiques and collectibles. Items of interest include a tapestry woven in tribute to Status Quo and a carved coconut steeped in 18th-century maritime history.



## Live Athletics: Great Manchester Run

11am

Jonathan Edwards presents coverage of the 14th staging of the event, as approximately 40,000 runners take part. Another stellar cast of athletes are set to be involved, including three-time Olympic gold medallist Tirunesh Dibaba.



## Britain's Got Talent

7.30pm

Ant and Dec host the first semi-final. The audition process is complete, and has left judges Amanda Holden, David Walliams, Simon Cowell and Alesha Dixon with 45 acts to pick and choose from. Tonight, nine of them will be performing in the hope of impressing both the panel and the TV audience.



## Penelope Keith's Favourite Villages

7pm

The actress travels around Britain visiting villages in different parts of the country, and discovers how people's attitudes have changed to these small communities. Her trip takes her to villages in Devon, Cornwall, Scotland and the Lake District.



## Secrets of the Valley of the Kings

8pm

An exploration of the Valley of the Kings, the royal necropolis of the pharaohs and the world's most famous royal burial ground. Egyptologists investigate what drove Egypt's greatest pharaohs to seek out this secluded valley to hide their remains.

## BBC1

6.00 Breakfast.  
 8.25 Match of the Day – 2016 FA Cup Final Highlights. Crystal Palace v Manchester United. (R)  
 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show.  
 10.00 The Big Questions. Nicky Campbell presents moral and religious discussions on topical issues from Wychwood School, Oxford.  
 11.00 Sunday Politics West Midlands. The week's events at Westminster, presented by Andrew Neil. Including a regional round-up.  
 12.15 Bargain Hunt. From Hay-on-Wye, Powys. (R)  
 1.00 BBC News; Weather.  
 1.15 Homes Under the Hammer. Properties in east London and Kent. (R)  
 1.45 Escape to the Country. Properties in Herefordshire. (R)  
 2.30 Lose Weight for Love. Professor Tanya Byron and her team help couples who are locked in a cycle of over-eating, and are consequently threatening both their health and their relationship. (R)  
 3.30 Nature's Epic Journeys. Following 100,000 caribou as they undertake the world's longest land migration, travelling 5,000km through the Arctic wilderness of Canada and Alaska. (R)  
 4.30 Lifeline. An appeal on behalf of Church Housing Trust.  
 4.40 Points of View. With Jeremy Vine.  
 4.45 Songs of Praise. A special episode for Dementia Awareness Week.  
 5.30 RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2016. New series. Coverage of the horticultural event.  
 6.30 BBC News.  
 6.50 Midlands Today; Weather.  
 7.00 Countryfile. A special episode for National Vegetarian Week, in which Matt Baker visits Jersey during the royal potato harvest and Ellie Harrison creates a landscape photograph with vegetables. Including Weather For The Week Ahead.  
 8.00 Antiques Roadshow. The team visits Tredegar House near Newport in Wales, where items include a tapestry woven in tribute to Status Quo, a frog-shaped brooch and an intricately carved coconut. (R)  
 9.00 Wallander. New series. The detective travels to South Africa to investigate the disappearance of a Swedish woman, uncovering a complex conspiracy as the country reaches a turning point.  
 10.30 BBC News.  
 10.50 Midlands Today; Weather.  
 11.00 Room 101 – Extra Storage. Frank Skinner hosts an extended edition as Jonathan Ross, Michael Vaughan and Sara Pascoe try to persuade him to banish their least favourite things to the infamous room. (R)  
 11.40 Athletics: Diamond League Rabat Highlights. Gabby Logan presents action from the third Diamond League event of the season, held at Prince Moulay Abdellah Stadium in Rabat, Morocco.  
 12.40 Weather for the Week Ahead.  
 12.45 BBC News.

## BBC2

6.35 This Farming Life. Sybil prepares for George's 50th birthday. (R)  
 7.35 Gardeners' World. Monty Don plants up containers for his jewel garden. (R)  
 8.05 Countryfile Spring Special. The team reports on signs of spring around the country. (R)  
 9.00 The Beechgrove Garden. Jim McColl tries out a range of tomato-growing gadgets.  
 9.30 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. Highlights of the series.  
 11.00 Live Athletics: Great Manchester Run. Coverage of the 14th staging of the event.  
 1.00 FILM: Custer of the West (1967). Historical biopic about the life of the controversial American cavalry commander who met his end at the Battle of the Little Bighorn. With Robert Shaw, Mary Ure and Jeffrey Hunter.  
 3.15 Flog It! From Stockport in Greater Manchester. (R)  
 4.00 Swimming: European Championships. Live coverage of the final day.  
 6.00 Athletics: Great Manchester Run Highlights. Action from the 14th annual staging of the 10k race, as elite athletes and thousands of fun runners competed. With commentary by Steve Cram, Paula Radcliffe and Andrew Cotter.  
 7.00 Britain's Ultimate Pilots: Inside the RAF. The Red Arrow pilots mark the end of an era and go through gruelling underwater training ahead of a display at Blackpool. However, high winds threaten to scupper the event. (R)  
 8.00 2016 World Cup: Alfie's Boys. David Jason presents a documentary about how Alf Ramsey put together the England football team that won the world cup in 1966. Featuring archive footage of the team.  
 9.30 Horizon: E-Cigarettes – Miracle or Menace? Michael Mosley investigates the dramatic rise in e-cigarettes in recent years, and questions whether they are a health risk or a better alternative to smoking.  
 10.35 Stupid Man, Smart Phone. Russell Kane travels through Norway, heading into the Arctic Circle in the hope of seeing the Northern Lights. He is accompanied on his journey by YouTube stars Rose and Rosie.  
 11.25 Later – with Jools Holland. Extended edition. Iggy Pop makes his debut on the show, performing tracks from his recent album Post Pop Depression. Plus, Lou Doillon, Protoje and Graham Nash. (R)  
 12.30 Sign Zone: Countryfile Spring Special. The team reports on signs of spring around the country, with Ellie Harrison monitoring pods of dolphins in Cardigan Bay and John Craven visiting a hay meadow in Wiltshire. (R)  
 1.25 Sign Zone: Holby City. Zosia makes a gut-wrenching decision after overstepping the mark and accusing a patient of a media leak. Dominic faces his fears when he encounters someone with a painful past. (R)  
 2.25 This Is BBC2.

## ITV

6.00 CITV: The Aquabats! Super Show! 6.25 Pat & Stan 6.35 Dino Dan 6.45 Dino Dan 7.00 Signed Stories: Share a Story 7.05 Sooty 7.15 Super 4 7.30 Nerds & Monsters 7.45 The Tom & Jerry Show 8.00 Teen Titans Go!  
 ITV News.  
 8.30 Weekend. With guests Christine Bottomley and Jo Frost.  
 9.25 Griff's Great Britain. Griff Rhys Jones explores the Highlands. (R)  
 10.00 Peston on Sunday. Political magazine.  
 11.00 FIA Formula E Championship. The Berlin ePrix.  
 12.00 ITV News and Weather; Weather.  
 12.10 The Jeremy Kyle Show. Guests air their differences. (R)  
 1.15 Planet's Got Talent. Featuring one of the most dangerous acts ever seen on the show. (R)  
 1.45 Fierce. Steve Backshall explores the wildlife in Namibia. (R)  
 2.45 Britain's Got Talent. The final round of auditions arrives. (R)  
 4.00 ITV News Central; Weather.  
 4.15 ITV News and Weather.  
 4.30 Live International Football. England v Turkey (Kick-off 5.15pm). Coverage of the friendly encounter, which takes place at the Etihad Stadium in Manchester and serves as a Euro 2016 warm-up for both countries.  
 7.30 Britain's Got Talent. Ant and Dec host the first semi-final, as nine of the acts to make it through the auditions perform live for the judges and the public to win the chance of a place in the final.  
 9.00 Coronation Street. As the locals prepare for Carla and Nick's wedding, Johnny goes to extreme lengths to stop Tracy from ruining the big day.  
 9.30 Britain's Got Talent Results. Ant and Dec announce the results of tonight's viewers' vote before the judges choose a second act to go through to the final. Featuring the cast of West End musical Motown.  
 10.00 10.20 ITV News and Weather; Weather. International Football Highlights. England v Turkey. Jacqui Oatley presents action from the friendly encounter, which took place at the Etihad Stadium, Manchester and served as a Euro 2016 warm-up for both countries.  
 11.20 Premiership Rugby Union. Mark Durden-Smith and David Flatman present highlights of the semi-finals, which were Saracens v Leicester Tigers at Allianz Park and Exeter Chiefs v Wasps at Sandy Park.  
 12.15 Jackpot247. Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.  
 3.00 Motorsport UK. Action from Donington Park, featuring the MSA Formula Championship and the Ginetta GT4 Supercup.  
 3.50 ITV Nighstreen. Text-based information service.  
 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show. The host invites guests to air their differences over family and relationship issues. (R)

## Channel 4

6.20 Salvage SOS. The crew salvages from a hotel.  
 6.45 Salvage SOS. The team explores a mill in Virginia.  
 7.10 The King of Queens. Carrie becomes close to her neighbour. (R)  
 7.35 The King of Queens. Doug tries to get out of going to the bank. (R)  
 8.00 Frasier. Daphne turns to Niles for advice. (R)  
 8.30 Frasier. Part one of two. Daphne's engagement depresses Niles. (R)  
 9.00 Frasier. Part two of two. Niles and Roz take extreme action. (R)  
 9.30 Sunday Brunch. With guests Steve Backshall and James Acaster.  
 12.30 FILM: Step Up (2006). Romantic dance drama, with Channing Tatum and Jenna Dewan.  
 2.30 FILM: Evolution (2001). Sci-fi comedy, starring David Duchovny.  
 4.30 Location, Location, Location. Revisiting two couples who wanted a new home and business. (R)  
 5.30 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. Jasmine Harman helps a couple find a seaside home on the Costa Calida.  
 6.30 Channel 4 News.  
 7.00 Penelope Keith's Favourite Villages. The actress travels around Britain, visiting villages in different parts of the country and discovering how people's attitudes have changed to these small communities.  
 8.00 FILM: The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (2011). Seven English pensioners decide to make a fresh start by moving to India to live in a dilapidated hotel. Comedy drama, starring Judi Dench, Bill Nighy, Maggie Smith and Dev Patel. Edited for language.  
 10.25 Gogglebox. Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. (R)  
 11.30 FILM: Hitchcock (2012). Fact-based drama about the making of Psycho, and the film's impact on Alfred Hitchcock's relationship with his wife and creative partner. With Anthony Hopkins and Helen Mirren.  
 1.15 Come Dine with Me. Amir Hezarah hosts the first dinner party in Hertfordshire. (R)  
 1.45 Come Dine with Me. Claire Diamond hosts the second dinner party in Hertfordshire. (R)  
 2.15 Come Dine with Me. A would-be pop star hosts the third dinner party in Hertfordshire. (R)  
 2.40 Come Dine with Me. Diane Mitham hosts the penultimate dinner party in Hertfordshire. (R)  
 3.10 Come Dine with Me. Hairdresser Mel Steel hosts the final party in Hertfordshire. (R)  
 3.40 Win It Cook It. Chicken and meatball dishes go head to head.  
 4.05 Location, Location, Location. Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer head to Liverpool, where they help two women with different lifestyles find a home, and advise a student on how to get on the property ladder. (R)  
 5.05 Fifteen to One. (R)

## Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! Peppa Pig 6.05 Bananas in Pyjamas 6.15 Angelina Ballerina 6.30 Bob the Builder 6.45 Tictoc Toc 6.55 Zack and Quack 7.05 Pets 7.10 Noddy in Toyland 7.25 Paw Patrol 7.40 Little Princess 7.50 Pip Ahoy! 8.05 Blaze and the Monster Machines 8.30 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom 8.50 Wanda and the Alien 9.00 Toby's Travelling Circus 9.15 Jelly Jamm 9.30 LazyTown.  
 9.55 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. A new mutant hero steals the Turtles' thunder. (R)  
 10.30 Now That's Funny! Pleasure seekers get more than they bargained for at an amusement park. (R)  
 11.25 FILM: Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2 (2013). Animated comedy sequel, with the voice of Bill Hader.  
 1.10 Most Shocking Talent Show Moments. A countdown of memorable incidents and controversial contestants. (R)  
 4.05 FILM: Pudsey the Dog: The Movie (2014). Premiere. Family comedy, starring Jessica Hynes.  
 5.55 The Yorkshire Vet. Julian Norton returns to Jacki Barlow's alpaca farm. (R)  
 6.55 5 News Weekend.  
 7.00 Cricket on 5. England v Sri Lanka. Highlights from the fourth day of the First Test in a three-match series, which takes place at Headingley.  
 8.00 Secrets of the Valley of the Kings. An exploration of the Valley of the Kings, the royal necropolis of the pharaohs and the world's most famous royal burial ground.  
 9.00 FILM: Sabotage (2014). Premiere. The leader of an elite Drug Enforcement Administration team tries to discover who is murdering his men. Action thriller, with Arnold Schwarzenegger and Sam Worthington. Edited for language.  
 11.05 FILM: Under Siege (1992). A veteran US Navy Seal working on a battleship as a cook leaps into action to liberate the vessel from terrorists. Action adventure, starring Steven Seagal and Tommy Lee Jones. Edited for broadcast.  
 12.55 SuperCasino. Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.  
 3.10 Police Interceptors. Paul Faulkner has a close shave with a stolen vehicle, Kev Salter takes part in a stake-out and Spike uncovers a bumper crop. (R)  
 4.00 Now That's Funny! Amusing Internet-sourced videos, including pleasure seekers getting more than they bargained for at an amusement park and people who make fooling about at work an art form. (R)  
 4.50 Nick's Quest. Nick Baker searches for an anaconda. (R)  
 5.15 Nick's Quest. Nick Baker examines the habits of the great white shark, which can grow to 20ft in length, and has an encounter with one of the creatures off the Western Cape of South Africa. (R)  
 5.45 Angels of Jarm. (R)

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## FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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#### McMULLAN

Sylvia

Passed away peacefully on Sunday, May 8, 2016, aged 85 years.

Peacefully on May 6, 2016, at Wrexham Maelor Hospital, formerly of Walden Crescent, Chirk, aged 89 years.

The dearly loved Husband of the late Beryl, nee Smith and devoted Father of Christine and the late Graham, much loved Father-in-law of Heiner and Sandra and proud Grandfather of Michael, Sarah-Jane, Ross, Agnes and Pascal, much loved Great-Grandfather of Leon, Molly, Mia and Max, Brother to William, Thomas (Bill) and Delbert, Brother-in-law of Sam and Muriel, his very good Friend Freda, Parish and Family will miss him greatly.

Harry worked at Monsanto and was a very well respected Member of Chirk Fire Brigade, as a Volunteer Fireman for many years.

He was dearly loved and will be sadly missed.

Funeral Service at St. Mary's Church, Chirk, on Friday, May 20, 2016, at 2.30pm followed by Interment in Chirk Cemetery.

All flowers welcome, but if desired, donations will be gratefully received for St. Mary's Church, Chirk via the offertory plate at the Church.

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She will be sadly missed by Family and many Friends.

Funeral Service at Pentrebychan Crematorium, Wrexham on Tuesday, May 31, 2016, at 11am, followed by a Celebration of Sylvia's life at the Sweeney hall, Oswestry.

By her request Family flowers only and any donations if desired to Hope House, Hospice.

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#### ROBINSON

Joyce Ann

Of Brooklands Park, Craven Arms, formerly of Knighton.

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## Vauxhall and Arthurs No 1

At the same time as Vauxhall is number one in the country for new car retail sales – so is their Oswestry and Newtown dealership, Arthurs.

And whilst Vauxhall nationally achieved just over 10 per cent retail market share for new car retail sales, Arthurs did even better – recording nearly 20 per cent market share in the Oswestry and Newtown areas.

Respective sales managers Matt Hine (Oswestry) and Chris Venables (Newtown) are enjoying the exceptional sales performances for new car retail sales which happened in March.

Matt (above right) said: "Vauxhall

were extremely happy with their performance as nationally they were the highest seller in March which is the first time this has been achieved in their history. As number one in the UK, Vauxhall sold 33,721 new cars and vans to retail customers to achieve a phenomenal result. Arthurs sold 126 across the Oswestry and Newtown areas.

"I joined the company last September and despite having a long history in the motor industry I have been amazed at the loyalty of customers to Arthurs which has been built up over many years."

Chris (above left) said: "It is clear from Nigel Williams, managing director, and Steve Hughes, group opera-

tions manager, that everything Arthurs does revolves around looking after the customer and I believe this is the reason we have achieved such a stupendous performance."

Matt added: "There were many good news stories for Arthurs in March with extremely positive sales of Corsa, Astra and Mokka models in particular. We are now intent on building on this success during the remainder of the year by continuing to offer customers great deals on new and Network Q quality used cars," a point echoed by Chris.

He added: "The models within the Vauxhall range and the offers supporting them have proven to be a winning formula."

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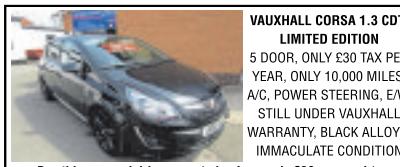
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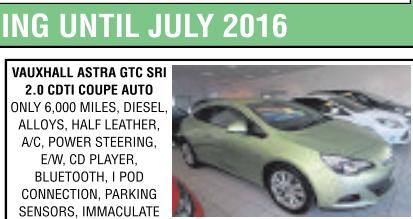
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# Motoring



# Van show is so promising

By Sharon Walters

VanExperience Live 2016, the ultimate test drive from Mercedes-Benz Vans, is now officially open for registration from all interested van operators to come to the UK's largest event of its kind, via [www.MBVan.co.uk/VEL](http://www.MBVan.co.uk/VEL). Open for all van operators, VanExperience Live promises to be bigger than ever before, with more than 2,500 van operators expected to arrive. Taking place at Millbrook Proving Ground in Bedfordshire across 10 weeks from 20 June to 1 July 2016, VanExperience Live is now celebrating its 13th year.

There will be three main hands-on demonstration areas to help guests assess how Mercedes-Benz vans perform in all areas:

- Drive It – A full range drive to experience the entire product line-up from Mercedes-Benz Vans, and compare them directly with competitor test vehicles
- Test It – A challenging off-road course to show the skills of the Sprinter 4x4 and 6x6 vehicles
- Trust It – A safety-focused activity, including handling on the all-new wet grip experience

Steve Bridge, managing director of Mercedes-Benz Vans, said: "This is the first time in the event's 13-year history that we are opening up the doors of VanExperience Live to all van operators, to really help them to make their minds up when it comes to assessing their next vehicle purchase – the feedback we receive each year proves the format is the best in the industry."

"We know how important vans are to our guests, and appreciate that many who attend aren't 'van drivers' – they are people who use a van to deliver goods or services, so it is our promise to provide as much support as possible to these UK businesses, enabling them to focus on delivering their customers great service without having to worry about their van."

"I look forward to seeing many van operators there – from a one-van business, through to some of the biggest fleets in the UK."

Mercedes-Benz Vans can support their business, including: MobiloVan free roadside assistance; Accessories to personalise any Mercedes-Benz van; GenuineParts and their importance; and the Star Expert team will be on-hand to answer any van-related queries, including product, industry and legislative questions.

A complete display of vehicles will also be available to access, including



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vans from more than 30 body builders and conversion exhibitors to show how adaptable a van can be.

In addition, guests will have access to all areas of the business, including Management, as the entire Mercedes-Benz Vans UK team relocates to the event for the duration.

If any van operator would like to attend, they can register their interest by visiting [www.MBVan.co.uk/VEL](http://www.MBVan.co.uk/VEL)

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MAR 16	X6 xDrive30d M Sport	Alpine White, Non-Metallic	£59,155	£48,950	£10,205	6.2% APR
MAR 16	X1 20d xDrive Sport	Alpine White, Non-Metallic	£34,400	£29,950	£4,450	6.2 APR
MAR 16	640d M Sport Convertible	Glacier Silver Metallic	£79,530	£55,950	£23,580	0.0% APR
MAR 16	118d Sport 5-door Sports	Black Sapphire Metallic	£26,555	£21,950	£4,605	5.9% APR
MAR 16	218i M Sport Coupe	Estoril Blue Metallic	£31,585	£27,950	£3,635	5.9% APR
MAR 16	X4 xDrive20d M Sport	Glacier Silver Metallic	£46,810	£40,950	£5,860	6.2% APR
MAR 16	420d Sport Convertible	Midnight Blue Metallic	£44,090	£36,950	£7,140	4.9% APR
MAR 16	320d xDrive M Sport Gran Turismo	Alpine White	£38,340	£30,950	£7,390	5.9% APR
MAR 16	440i M Sport Gran Coupe	Black Sapphire Metallic	£47,840	£37,950	£9,890	4.9% APR
MAR 16	420d xDrive M Sport Gran Coupe	Glacier Silver Metallic	£41,910	£35,950	£5,960	4.9% APR
MAR 16	218d M Sport Active Tourer	Mineral Grey Metallic	£31,395	£26,950	£4,445	5.9% APR
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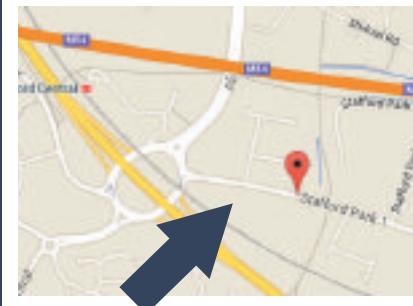
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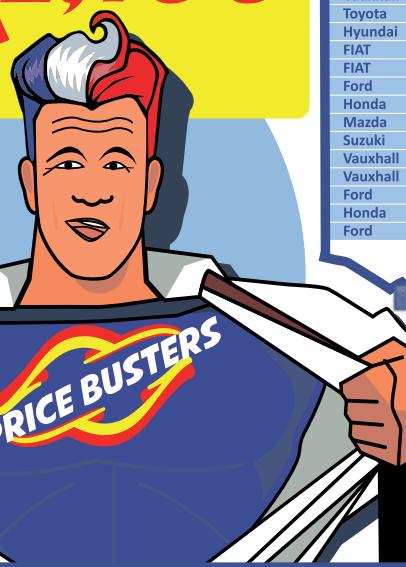
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# How they stand

## Birmingham & District Premier Cricket League

### First Teams

	P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Berkswell	3	2	0	0	0	1	49
WB Dartmouth	3	2	0	0	0	1	48
Wolverhampton	3	2	0	0	0	1	46
Ombersley	3	2	0	0	0	0	45
Walsall	3	2	0	1	0	1	45
Knowle & D.	3	1	0	2	0	0	31
Kenilworth W.	3	1	0	1	0	1	30
Barnet Green	3	1	0	2	0	0	29
Shrewsbury	3	1	0	1	0	1	29
Walmley	3	0	0	0	0	1	29
Leamington Spa	3	0	0	3	0	0	11
Kidderminster	3	0	0	3	0	0	10

### Division One

	P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Barnards Green	3	2	0	0	0	1	49
Smethwick	3	2	0	0	0	1	48
Bridgnorth	3	2	0	0	0	44	
Sutton Coldfield	3	2	0	0	1	43	
Dorridge	3	1	0	1	0	1	34
Attcock	3	1	0	1	0	1	32
Bromsgrove	3	1	0	1	0	1	32
Wellington	3	1	0	1	0	1	31
Hinckley	3	1	0	1	0	1	30
Moseley	3	0	0	2	0	0	29
Brockhampton	3	0	0	2	0	1	16

### Division Two

	P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Harborne	3	3	0	0	0	0	60
Tamworth	3	3	0	0	0	0	60
Halesowen	3	2	2	0	1	0	45
C & R Hawks	3	2	0	1	0	1	45
Stratford-Upon-Avon	3	1	0	2	0	0	32
Oswestry	3	1	0	2	0	0	30
Wombourne	3	1	0	2	0	0	30
Penkridge	3	1	0	1	0	1	29
Coverley & N.W.	3	1	0	1	0	25	
Old Elzabethans	3	0	0	2	0	0	25
Stourbridge	3	0	0	2	0	1	14

### Division Three

	P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Pershore	3	3	0	0	0	1	49
Handsworth	3	2	0	0	0	1	47
Streetly	3	2	0	1	0	0	44
Fordhouses	3	2	0	1	0	0	44
Astwood Bank...	3	0	0	2	0	0	22
Eastnor	3	1	0	1	0	1	31
Aston Manor	3	1	0	1	0	1	31
Lichfield	3	1	0	1	0	1	30
Brewood	3	1	0	1	0	1	28
Whitchurch	3	0	0	2	0	1	17
Worfield	3	0	0	2	0	1	16
Newport...	3	0	0	2	0	1	13

### Second Teams

	P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Wolverhampton	3	3	0	0	0	0	60
Leamington Spa	3	2	0	0	1	48	
Wolverhampton	3	2	0	0	1	47	
Himley	3	1	0	0	2	34	
Stratford-Upon-Avon	3	1	0	0	2	34	
Oswestry	3	2	0	0	0	0	25
Walsall	3	2	0	0	0	0	25
Knowle & D.	3	1	0	1	0	1	31
Shifnal	3	1	0	1	0	1	30
Walmley	3	0	0	1	0	25	
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## GUILSFIELD pay penalty in cup final

GUILSFIELD suffered end-of-season heartache after hopes of lifting the Central Wales Cup were shattered by a penalty shoot-out defeat against Carno in the final at Berriew, writes JOHN BRIDGWATER.

Despite dominating the goalless stalemate, the Cymru Alliance men paid the price for failing to convert their pressure and chances as their Spar Mid Wales League opponents lifted the trophy after finally prevailing 4-3 in the spot kick shoot-out.

It was a disappointing finish to the campaign for the Gulls who had high hopes of taking the silverware to add to their fourth place finish in the Cymru Alliance.

However, they only had themselves to blame after carving enough opportunities, particularly in the second half, to have avoided the final going into extra time, let alone penalties.

They were dealt a blow early in the encounter as striker Adam Jenkins limped off with a hamstring injury, but Dan Barton's side still had the upper hand on a testing surface.

Carno battled hard and were a threat from set pieces, but the better opportunities were coming at the other end.

Chris Cathrall crashed his shot from 20 yards against the post, then Andy Ford headed narrowly wide while the Gulls were denied in a goalmouth scramble.

With no goals after 120 minutes, Carno held their nerve to prevail 4-3 in the penalty shoot out to lift the cup in their first appearance in the final.

LLANFAIR UNITED who defeated Guilsfield 3-1 in the quarter-final of the Montgomeryshire Cup, will now face either Waterloov Rovers or Llanidloes Town who play their tie next Thursday.

## Pool win cues up a big derby clash

WELSHPOOL put their resurgence to the test on Saturday when they make the short trip to table-topping Powys rivals Montgomery in the Henshaws Shropshire Cricket League division two.

While unbeaten Monty cemented their position at the summit with a thumping 112-run victory over Shrewsbury III, Pool made it back-to-back wins with a seven-wicket success over ELLESMORE at Maesdyr.

That result, which brought 21 points, lifted them to sixth in the table and sets up their derby encounter.

Robert Anderson took 3-27 as Ellesmere were restricted to 152-7 in 40 overs after being put in, Mat McWhinnie claiming 2-31 after the visitors faltered following good knocks from Fraser Duncan (46) and Akshit Ohri (42).

Welshpool produced a solid response, opener Adam Knight laying the foundations with 44 and Paul Chapman making 32 in a 77-run stand for the second wicket. Skipper Tom Anderson (18no) and Matthew Knight (21no) then completed the win with nine overs to spare.

Ellesmere, who pop up the table, host CAE GLAS on Saturday, with the visitors also suffering a mixed start to the season.

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## Oswestry look to end barren home run

CRICKET by John Bridgwater

OSWESTRY'S cricketers will be looking to get back on track with a long overdue win at Morda Road when they welcome Wombourne in the Birmingham League division two on Saturday (noon).

Remarkably, it is more than two years since they last won on home turf. The batting, however, will need to click after last weekend's struggles at the crease led to a 73-run defeat at home to early pacesetters Tamworth.

Having notched their first win of the campaign the week before, it was a disappointing outcome against an in-form Tamworth side who have now won three out of three.

Oswestry bowled and fielded well to dismiss the visitors for 199, but their batting once again let them down as they were shot out for just 126 in reply.

All-rounder Warrick Fynn, who took 5-44 with his spin before hitting 53 at the top of the order, was one of only two batsmen to reach double figures.

Captain Jonathan Miles will be looking for his side to bounce back when they welcome a Wombourne side that, like Oswestry, has 30 points

after three games. The Morda Road outfit go into the clash unchanged.

Wombourne arrive with a couple of reverses from their three outings this season, having lost to Shifnal by four wickets last week after posting 217-8 in their 50 overs.

It has been a pleasing start for OSWESTRY II who notched their second successive victory as they overcame Shropshire rivals Bridgnorth II by 18 runs after being promoted to the 2nd XI League division one this term.

Lying fifth in the table, the league new-boys now look to continue that form in Saturday's trip to Walsall II who are one place above.

## Atherton on top form to hold the Fort

WORLD champion bike racer Rachel Atherton continued her superb start to the season with a dominant victory in round two of the British Downhill series in Fort William.

The Llanrhaeadr ace again underlined her credentials in Scotland with a time of five minutes 12.72 seconds to top the podium, comfortably ahead of Manon Carpenter (5:20.18) and Tahnee Seagrave (5:22.11).

With the World Cup heading to Fort William in just three weeks' time, Atherton's performance bodes well for continued success for this season.

The Powys star triumphed on an unusually dry World Cup track with a new remodelled section added for 2016.

It followed her eighth successive Downhill World Cup victory when she won by over seven seconds in Cairns, Australia.

Riding for the Trek Factory Racing team, she clocked up her 28th World Cup success to date.

In the process, Atherton extended her lead in the UCI Women's Downhill standings with 490 points, and is now 135 points clear of Seagrave (355) and Carpenter (350).

Meanwhile, Rachel's brother Gee Atherton was also in good form at Fort William. He finished second in the men's downhill event with a time of four minutes, 38.62, just behind winner Danny Hart in 4:36.82.

## Presentation time for COBRA rugby

COBRA rugby players hold their end of season presentation night at the Wynnstay Hotel, Oswestry on Saturday (7.30pm).

The Meifod men will be boasting their survival in the Swalec Welsh League division one (north) after a campaign of fluctuating fortunes.

The club will also be hoping to round off their season with some silverware when the second string take on Machynlleth in the final of the Cambrian Training Mid Wales Plate at Llanidloes the following Saturday (28 May, 1.30pm).

Meanwhile, Welshpool sealed fourth place in the Swalec Welsh League division three (north) after picking up a bonus point in their 32-10 win a Benllech in their last action of the season.

## Llanrhaeadr want to sign off in style

LLANRHAEADR will be looking to end the Spar Mid Wales League division one season on a high as they chase revenge at home to Aberaeron on Saturday.

The villagers can finish fifth in the league should they win, and will be doubly keen to take the spoils after losing 6-3 to the same opponents a few weeks back.

Meanwhile, Carno bowed out of the league cup with a 2-0 semi-final defeat to holders Penrhyncoch who progressed with second-half goals from Arron Lemon and Jonathan Evans.

The Roosters now take on Hay St Mary's in the final at Llanidloes Town's Victoria Avenue on Saturday.

THE New Saints followed a clean sweep of trophies by again dominating the Dafabet Welsh Premier team of the season announced this week.

Five of the treble-winning side are included in the WPL's starting XI selected by the managers of the 12 league clubs.

And two of those players - right-back Simon Spender and midfielder Aeron Edwards - have also been nominated for the player of the season award. Spender and fellow Saints full-back Chris Marriott were voted to the team of the season, along with central defender Kai Edwards who has since left the club to join Wrexham on a one-year contract.

Winger Jamie Mullan and midfielder Edwards also make the line-up, having retained their places from last season's Welsh Premier "dream team", while forward Scott Quigley is named on the subs bench.

### Solid

Spender and Edwards made the league's player of the season shortlist after enjoying terrific campaigns. Spender featured 27 times during the league season, scoring once in the process.

The 30-year-old was part of a solid back line which resulted in only four losses all season and 24 goals conceded.

Edwards, 28, was consistent in the heart of midfield, starting 30 of the club's 32 league matches and scoring six times.

Also nominated for the top player accolade are Airbus UK Broughton forward Tony Gray and Landudno striker Marc Williams, who netted 18 and 16 league goals respectively. Award winners will be announced at the Dafabet Welsh Premier 2015/16 presentation dinner on Saturday, June 4.

Meanwhile, the Saints will return to training at the end of the month as they prepare for another summer in the UEFA Champions League.

The draw for the first qualifying round takes place in Geneva, Switzerland on Monday, June 20 with the first leg on June 28 or 29 and the return on July 4 or 5. Should TNS progress to the second qualifying round, the first leg will be played on July 12 or 13 and the second on July 19 or 20.

## Things looking up for Town



At the presentation night are (from left): Jan Molby, chairman Ian Jones, secretary Andy Burnett, manager Nick Maguire and assistant manager Matt Williams

FC OSWESTRY TOWN'S all-conquering side are set for new challenges next season after getting the go-ahead to join the North West Counties League.

Town will play in division one, tackling the likes of AFC Blackpool, Alsager Town, Chadderton, Cheadle Town, Sandbach United, St Helens Town, Stockport Town, Widnes and Shropshire rivals Whitchurch Alport.

Nick Maguire's men earned promotion by storming to the Mercian Regional League pre-

mier division title - while also adding three other trophies for good measure.

They landed the Mercian League Cup, the Shropshire Challenge Cup and also retained the Commander Ethelston Cup.

Town's players, officials and guests had plenty to celebrate when they held their end of season awards night at the Venue Park Hall with guest speaker being former Denmark and Liverpool ace Jan Molby.

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The Welsh Premier champions have bolstered their squad with former Wigan midfielder Jon Routledge, 26, joining on a two-year deal from Scottish Championship outfit Dumbarton.

He follows versatile teenage defender Tom Matthews who signed from Queens Park Rangers.

**Dream team:** Ashley Morris (Bala Town), Simon Spender (TNS), Kai Edwards (TNS), Mike

Pearson (Airbus UK), Chris Marriott (TNS), Jamie Mullan (TNS), Aeron Edwards (TNS), Chris Venables (Aberystwyth Town), Tony Gray (Airbus UK), Marc Williams (Llandudno), Lee Hunt (Bala Town). **Subs:** Dave Jones (Newtown), Mike Williams (Llandudno), James Joyce (Llandudno), Matty Owen (Newtown), Callum Morris (Gap Connah's Quay), Scott Quigley (TNS).

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